

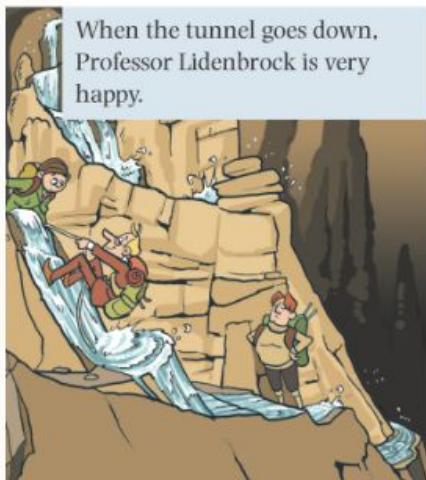


Chapter 4

The next day Hans, Lidenbrock and Axel follow the stream down the tunnel. The professor looks at his compass.

'Where are we now?' asks Axel.

'Two hundred kilometres south-east of Snæfells, so we're under the sea,' answers his uncle.



When the tunnel goes down, Professor Lidenbrock is very happy.



Sometimes they stop, and the professor writes in his book.

'How many days is it before we go back?' asks Axel. 'We've got water now, but not much food!'

'Be quiet, Axel!' says Lidenbrock. 'I'm writing about our journey.'



Axel is walking down the tunnel the next day when suddenly he loses Hans and the professor.



He walks back, but he can't find them. Just then, he falls and **breaks** his lamp. 'Oh no!' he cries.

Axel sits and waits in the dark. At last he hears something. He puts his head near the tunnel wall and listens. 'I can hear Hans and the professor,' he thinks. 'They're talking. But where are they?'



'Help!' cries Axel. 'Help!!' The tunnel wall takes Axel's cries down to the professor and Hans. 'Axel! Are you OK?' the professor calls back. 'We're far in front of you. Come on down here.'

break to make something stop working



Axel begins to walk. But he can't see anything.



Suddenly his foot hits something and he's falling down.



Axel falls for a long time. When he opens his eyes again, he's in a very big **cave**. 'Axel! You're alive!' cries the professor.

'Yes. But where are we?' asks Axel. 'I can see light, and I can hear the sea. Are we under the Earth now or not?'
'Yes, Axel, we are,' says the professor. 'There's a big **underground** sea in front of us. We must go across it. Hans is making a **raft**.'

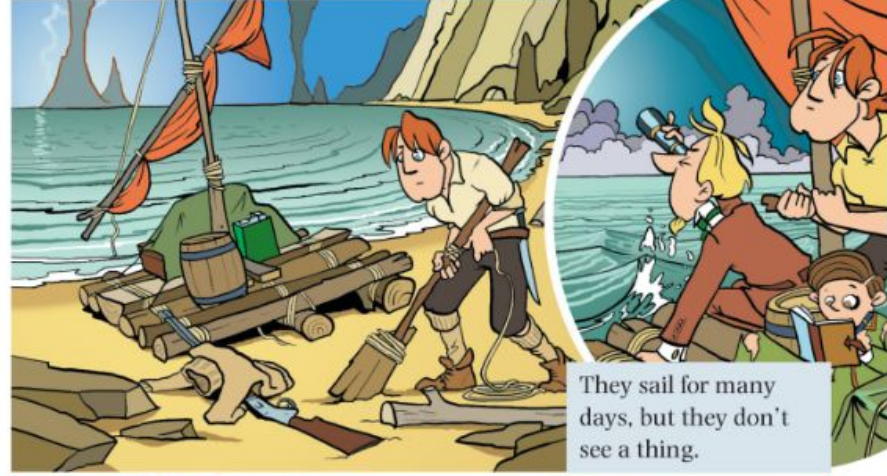


cave a big natural room under the Earth

underground under the Earth

raft a small ship made from trees

Soon the raft is ready. They put their luggage on it and begin to sail across the underground sea.



They sail for many days, but they don't see a thing.



Suddenly two sea **monsters** come out of the water. They're **fighting**. 'I must tell Gräuben about these monsters when I get home,' thinks Axel. Hans quickly sails the raft away from them.

monster an animal that is very bad to look at

fight to hit again and again

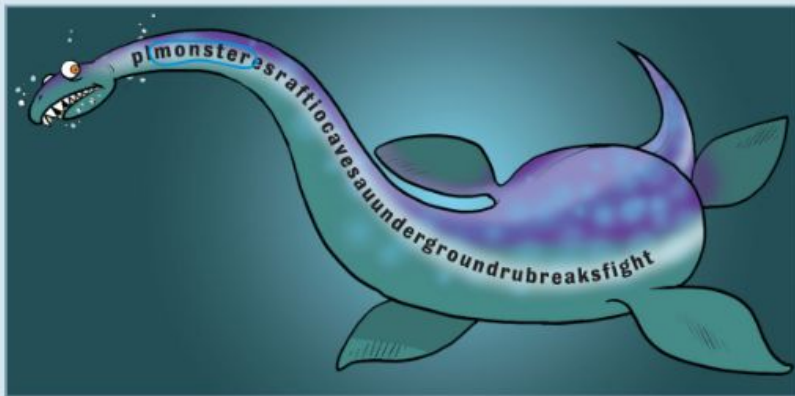
READING CHECK

Correct the mistakes.

- a Hans, Lidenbrock and Axel follow the ^{stream} ~~light~~.
- b When they stop, the professor writes about the luggage.
- c Suddenly Axel can't find Hans and Mr Fridrikssen.
- d Axel falls and breaks his compass.
- e The wall of the crater takes Axel's cries to the professor.
- f When Axel finds the professor and Hans again, he can hear a storm.
- g Axel makes a raft and they sail across the sea on it.
- h Axel wants to tell Gräuben about the crystals in the sea.

WORD WORK

1 Find words from Chapter 4 in the monster.



2 Write the extra letters in order to find the scientists' name for this monster.

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3 Use the words from Activity 1 to complete the sentences.

- a When you go to Scotland, you can look for the Loch Ness monster.
- b Be careful – don't the compass! We can't find the centre of the Earth without it.
- c 'How can we go across the water?' 'Let's make a from old trees.'
- d This hotel is very different. Its front door is down in a dark , and the rooms in it don't have any windows because they are all .
- e I'm very angry with you. I don't want to speak about it, but I want to you.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Read the sentences and write Yes or No.



a Hans's raft breaks in a very bad storm.

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b Axel fights a very big sea monster.

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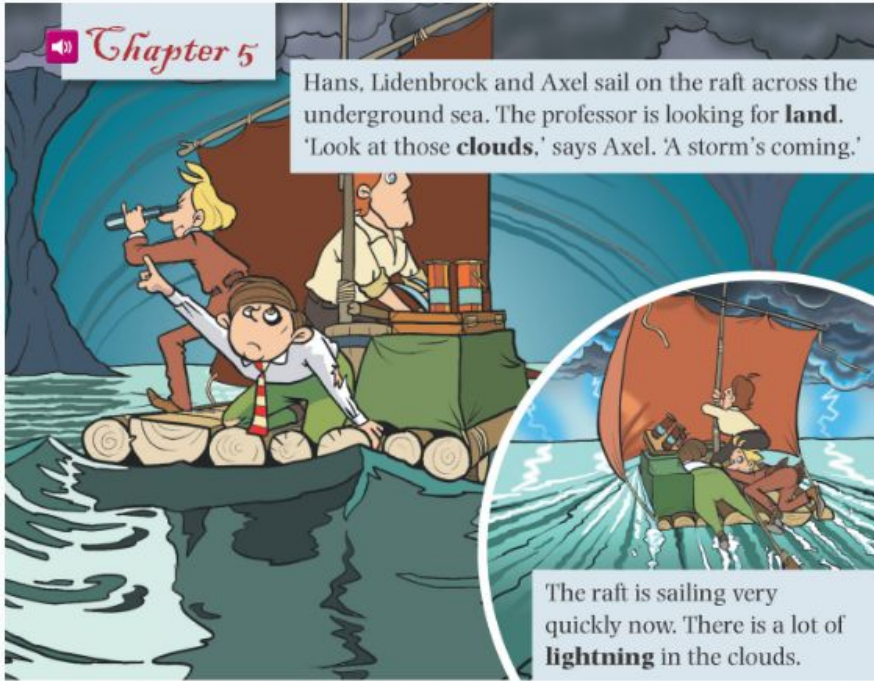
c The professor meets a big underground man.



d The professor and Axel find a sign from Arne Saknussemm.



Chapter 5



Hans, Lidenbrock and Axel sail on the raft across the underground sea. The professor is looking for **land**. 'Look at those **clouds**,' says Axel. 'A storm's coming.'

The raft is sailing very quickly now. There is a lot of **lightning** in the clouds.



Suddenly some blue and white lightning comes from the clouds. It **explodes** over them, and breaks the raft.



Just then, the raft hits some **rocks**. At last they are back on land.

land the part of the Earth that is not the sea

lightning the light in the sky when there is a storm

rock a very big stone

cloud a big white or grey thing that rain comes from

explode to break suddenly with a big noise



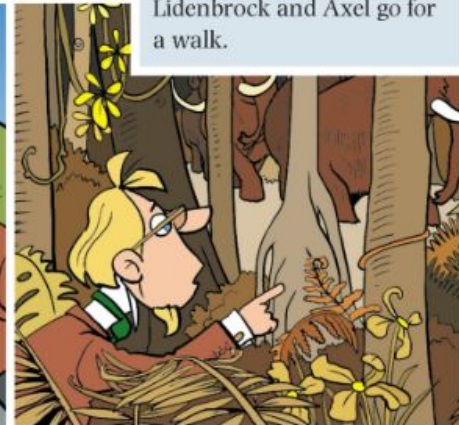
'How can we go back to Snæfells now?' asks Axel. 'Go back? What are you saying? First we must find the centre of the Earth,' says the professor.



Hans finds the luggage and begins to work on the raft. He wants to make it ready to sail again soon. Lidenbrock and Axel go for a walk.



They walk over some rocks. Suddenly the professor finds a dead body. 'It's the body of a man!!' 'Oh, no,' thinks Axel. 'Are there men living down here?'



They walk to the trees in front of them. These trees aren't green because there's no sun. Through the trees Axel can see some big land monsters. 'What are they?' he asks. 'Oh no! Look at that! They're coming nearer!' he cries worriedly. 'They're **mastodons**!' laughs the professor. 'They aren't living on Earth now, but they are alive down here!'

mastodon a type of elephant from five million years ago