

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Name these people and things.

- a is twenty-seven metres long.
- b is famous for writing about sea animals.
- c ask Aronnax about the giant whale.
- d goes with Aronnax on the *Abraham Lincoln*.
- e doesn't watch the water every day.
- f stays in front of the *Abraham Lincoln*.
- g falls into the sea.

2 Who says the sentences a–e? Who are they talking to?

- a 'You were in the sea and I wanted to stay with you.' to
- b 'You and I went into the sea at the same time.' to
- c 'You try. Perhaps he understands English.' to
- d 'I'm going to escape from this submarine.' to
- e 'You can never go home.' to

Chapters 3–5

3 Write the right words in the sentences.

difficult good heavy reads
unhappy up usually well

- a Captain Nemo and his men eat very
- b Captain Nemo often Aronnax's books.
- c A submarine is a home for a scientist.
- d Every morning, the *Nautilus* goes for air.
- e The *Nautilus* stays about one hundred metres underwater.
- f Ned is on the submarine.
- g Diving suits aren't in water.
- h It isn't walking on the sea floor.

4 Put these sentences in the right order.

- a Ned, Conseil and Aronnax go to the Papuan coast. ☐
- b The Papuans try to kill the men with spears. ☐
- c After five days, the *Nautilus* starts to move. ☐
- d The *Nautilus* stops on a coral reef. ☐
- e The men start putting things in the small boat. ☐
- f The *Nautilus*'s doors open, and air comes into the submarine. ☐
- g The Papuans get into their boats. ☐

Chapters 6–7

5 Answer these questions.

- a What is Atlantis?
- b Why have few people visited Atlantis?
- c What does the *Nautilus* go under on its way to the South Pole?
- d How long does the *Nautilus* stay at the South Pole?
- e Why do the men work with knives and spears?
- f Why are the men ill?

6 Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.

- a After their visit to the Arctic, the men don't see Captain Nemo very often.
- b The *Nautilus* goes into the boat very slowly.
- c Captain Nemo dies hundreds of seamen.
- d Boats and whales ten metres away can't escape the Maelstrom.
- e After the Maelstrom, Aronnax opens his eyes in the boat of a Norwegian seaman.

After reading

7 Work in pairs. Tell each other which character in the book you like best. Explain why you feel this way.

8 Look at the words on page 28. Write five sentences about *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* using five of the words from the list.

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Chapters 1–2

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The whale is a hundred leagues long. ☐
- b A coral reef can send water fifty metres into the air. ☐
- c The *Scotia* is a French boat. ☐
- d Ned sees the giant whale first. ☐
- e Aronnax, Conseil and Ned are on the back of the giant whale. ☐
- f Eight men come out of the submarine. ☐
- g Captain Nemo talks to the men on his first visit. ☐
- h Ned hits a man in the face. ☐

2 Write Aronnax, Conseil, Ned or Captain Nemo in the sentences a–h.

- a is French.
- b is big and strong.
- c is Belgian.
- d is a writer.
- e is Canadian.
- f is a young man.
- g is thirty-five to fifty years old.
- h is famous.

Chapters 3–5

3 Underline the right words.

- a Captain Nemo's food comes from the *coast* / *sea*.
- b Captain Nemo *hates* / *loves* the sea.
- c Ned doesn't like *reading* / *hunting*.
- d The sea goes up and down every *day* / *week*.
- e The trees on the coast have *fish* / *fruit* on them.
- f The Papuans don't have any *boats* / *spears* at first.
- g The underwater tunnel is very *big* / *small*.

4 Put these sentences in the right order.

- a The men go to their bedrooms. ☐
- b Ned doesn't walk on the sea floor. ☐
- c Aronnax looks at Captain Nemo's books. ☐
- d Aronnax eats with the captain. ☐
- e The Papuans stay on the coast. ☐
- f The *Nautilus* goes near the coast of Australia. ☐
- g Aronnax sees a swimmer underwater. ☐
- h The submarine goes into the Red Sea. ☐

5 Match the phrases on the left with the phrases on the right.

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| a The <i>Nautilus</i> | 1 goes under Egypt. |
| b The tunnel | 2 built the <i>Nautilus</i> . |
| c The Papuans | 3 for Captain Nemo. |
| d Australia has | 4 is a submarine. |
| e The gold isn't | 5 lots of coral reefs. |
| f Captain Nemo | 6 often eat people. |

Chapters 6–7

6 Choose 1 or 2 to complete the sentences.

- a The houses on the sea floor are very ...
 - 1 new.
 - 2 old.
- b Captain Nemo writes with ... in the water.
 - 1 a pencil
 - 2 his hand
- c The *Nautilus* is ...
 - 1 strong and heavy.
 - 2 weak and light.
- d The boat hits the *Nautilus* in ... waters.
 - 1 French
 - 2 British

7 Match the questions with the answers.

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| a Where are the roads? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b What is the underwater country called? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c What do the men use to make a hole in the ice? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d Where does the <i>Nautilus</i> go after the South Pole? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e How many children did Captain Nemo have? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f What is the Maelstrom? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 1 Knives and spears.
 - 2 Up the coast of South and North America.
 - 3 A giant hole in the water.
 - 4 Under the sea.
 - 5 Two.
 - 6 Atlantis.