Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

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? …………………
g 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 (✗)?
   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.
   a The Nautilus …….. 1 goes under Egypt.
   b The tunnel …….. 2 built the Nautilus.
   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.
   a Where are the roads?
   b What is the underwater country called?
   c What do the men use to make a hole in the ice?
   d Where does the Nautilus go after the South Pole?
   e How many children did Captain Nemo have?
   f What is the Maelstrom?
      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.