

20,000 Leagues under the Sea

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Saved from the Ocean

I found myself underwater. It was very cold, and I tried hard to get to the top and breathe. When my head was finally above the waves, I saw that the *Abraham Lincoln* was more than one hundred feet away.

“Help! Help!”

No one could hear me. My clothes felt heavy in the water. I felt something touch me on the leg. I was terrified. I thought it was a shark or even the monster!

“Sir, are you all right, sir?”

Thank God, it was my faithful assistant, Conseil.

“Conseil, my boy, what are you doing here?”

“When I saw you fall into the water, sir, I felt it was my duty to follow you.”

“But why did you risk your life to save mine?”

“Your life, sir, is more important than mine.”

“Oh, thank you. You are a true friend. But what happened to the ship?”

“I’m afraid the whale hit the ship, sir. It can’t turn around.”

It was true. The *Abraham Lincoln* moved away from us. It couldn’t turn back.

It was dark, and we knew that we had to stay in the water for the night. We hoped that in the morning someone from the ship could see us if we were still alive.

We were tired. We tried to help each other swim. The moon came out from behind the clouds, and we saw that the *Abraham*

Lincoln was too far away. Just then, we felt we couldn't swim any longer. At that moment I touched something hard. I thought it was a rock, but then I realised it was metal. Conseil and I held onto it. And then we heard a voice, "Hey, hey, over here!"

It was Ned Land's voice, but we couldn't see him. We tried to move onto this strange metal object to get close to him.

"It's me, Ned, Ned Land."

"Did you fall into the water too?"

"I sure did, and it was a good thing I landed on this. I landed on the monster."

"Monster? You mean we're on the monster?"

"Yes. And it's moving. Only it's no monster. It's a ship."

He was right. What all of us thought was a large whale was a three-hundred-foot-long underwater ship. Ned sat on a platform, which was on top of the ship. We knocked on the ship's sides, but they were too thick and no one heard us.

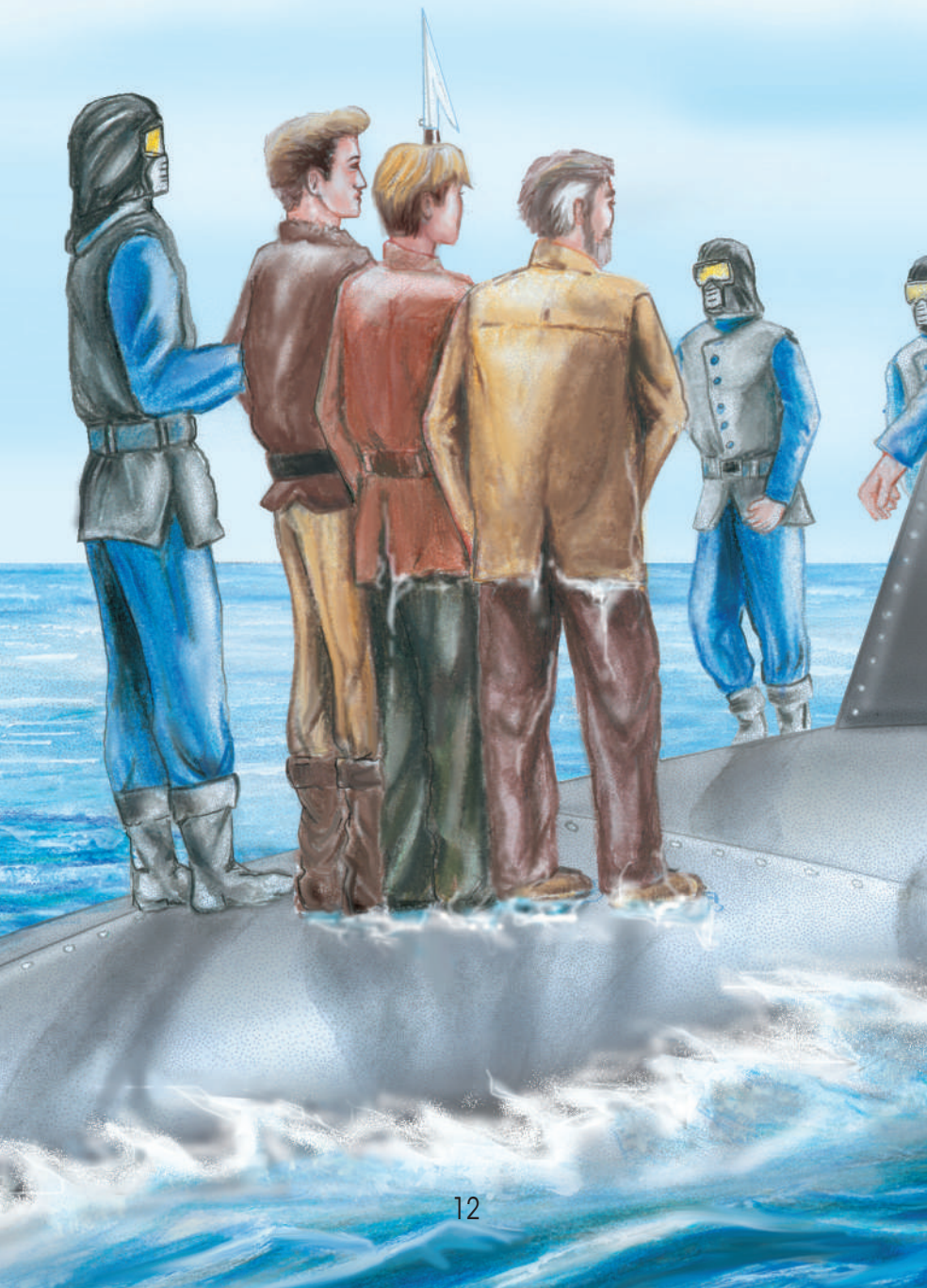
We heard the noise of the ship's engine.

"I only hope it doesn't go under the water."

The mysterious ship began to sink before Ned finished his sentence.

"Help! Help! Help!"

Suddenly the ship stopped sinking. A short man in strange black clothes opened a secret door on the top of the ship. When he saw us, he ran back inside, frightened. Two minutes later six large men with black masks came out, took us by the arms and took us down inside the ship.





20,000 Leagues under the Sea

It was 1867. Some sailors said that they saw a dangerous, giant monster living in the cold waters of the ocean. Some ships tried to find and kill it, but they never returned. People said it looked like a whale.

“It was 300 feet long and a mile wide!”

“Water came out of its back. It was like a big, underwater explosion!”

COMPONENTS:

- ◆ Reader
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- ◆ Teacher’s Book
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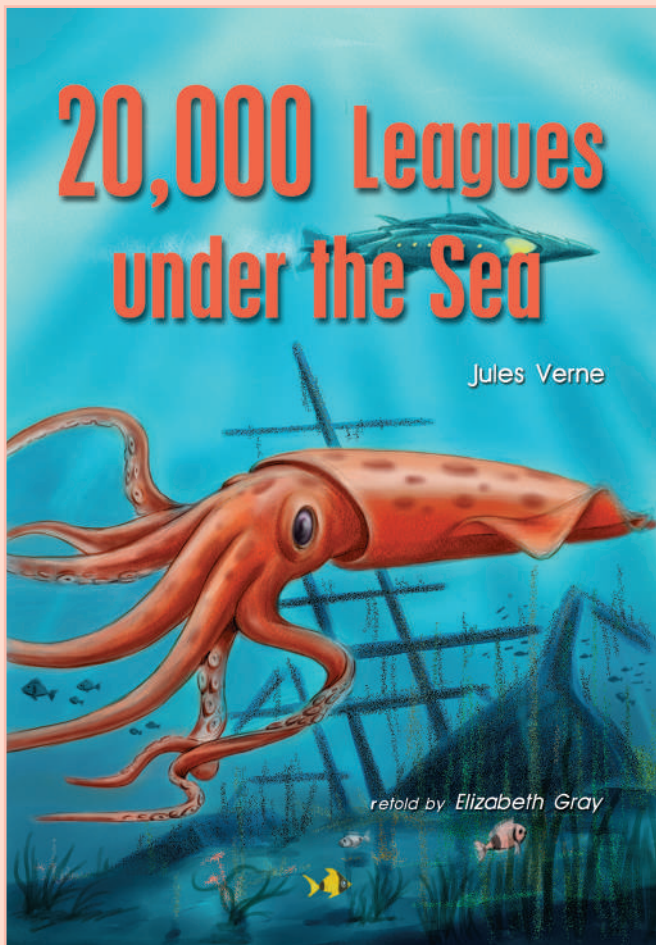


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Activity Book



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Lesson 6

Chapter 6

The Giant Pearl and the Shark

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and tick (✓) True or False.

- 1 The ocean near the bottom of China has thousands of oysters.
- 2 Ned Land had his gun with him.
- 3 They saw an oyster over six feet wide.
- 4 There was an Indian girl swimming for pearls.
- 5 Ned Land killed the shark.

True	False

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 Why was it dangerous to go fishing for pearls?
- 2 How big was the pearl inside the huge oyster?
- 3 Why didn't Captain Nemo want to take the pearl?
- 4 How did Ned Land kill the shark?
- 5 What did Captain Nemo understand about Ned Land?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 What do you think of Captain Nemo?
- 2 Have you ever eaten an oyster? What was it like?
- 3 Do you think Captain Nemo was right to leave the pearl in the cave? Why/Why not?

IV. Activities

A PEARLS. Put the sentences about how pearls are formed in the correct chronological order.

- First, something like a piece of sand enters the oyster.
- Nowadays, technicians can put something inside the oyster and so artificial pearls are formed.
- They are formed by accident inside oysters.
- Pearls are found in the ocean.
- Then the oyster surrounds the sand with a special liquid, and that's how the pearls are formed.

1 2 3 4 5

B i) Match the pictures to the sentences below.



- Ben was on holiday and he wanted to go diving.
- While he was under the water he saw a huge shark.
- A fisherman came along and rescued him.
- The next day Ben read about himself in the newspaper.

1 2 3 4

ii) Now tell the story in your own words.



Vocabulary Exercises

I. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box.

richest collect direction busy wrong

- 1 I am very I have a lot of work to do.
- 2 He has a lot of money. I think he's the man in the world.
- 3 You are ! Paris is not in Italy.
- 4 Which should I go, left or right?
- 5 Mary likes to stamps.

II. Match the words in box A with their meanings in box B.

A

1	horrible
2	immediately
3	nearby
4	kind
5	truly

B

a	really
b	type
c	terrible
d	close to
e	now

- 1 2 3 4 5

III. Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition from the box.

about in for on

- 1 You will be trouble if you break that vase.
- 2 Could you buy me some eggs the way home?
- 3 John failed his exam and his mother is angry it.
- 4 "Don't blame me it. It's not my fault!"



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