

Activity Book

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Introductory Lesson

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Before reading:

- 1 Look at the cover of the book.
- Where is the story set?
 - What do you think the story is about?
 - Use the following words to describe the picture:
giant squid, shipwreck, seaweed, fish, underwater ship
- 2 This is what happens at the beginning of the story. Read it and match the words to the pictures.

- a. harbour b. ship c. ocean d. cannons
e. sailors f. whale g. monster

Some  said that they saw a  living in the  It looked like a 

and they decided to find and kill it. The American



....., the 'Abraham Lincoln', left New York



..... on 3 July, 1867, to find it. There were



..... on the ship to kill the monster.

- 3 Now read the blurb on the back cover. In pairs answer the following questions and report back to the class.
- When is the story set?
 - What do you think the monster will do?
 - How did people travel in the 19th century? Could people travel under the sea?
 - What kind of story is this? (historical, science fiction, adventure, detective, romance, fairy tale, etc)
- 4 Look at the pictures in the book and find some of the dangers that there are in the sea.
- 5 Read about Jules Verne and answer the questions.

Jules Verne

Jules Verne was born in France on 8 February, 1828. As a young man, he studied law in Paris, and then he decided to become a writer.

One of his most popular novels is 'Around the World in Eighty Days'. Verne liked writing adventure stories and he had a lot of imagination. He wrote about inventions like submarines, television and space ships. This was in the 1860's when such things didn't yet exist.

In 1870, he wrote '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea' which became popular all over the world. A film of the book was made in 1916. Jules Verne died on 27 March, 1905. He was 77 years old.

- Which country did Jules Verne come from?
- What did he study as a young man?
- What was one of his most popular novels?
- What inventions did he write about?
- When did he write '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea'?

The Monster from the Deep

Listening

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

- 1 The year was 1967.
- 2 The American ship is called the 'Abraham Lincoln'.
- 3 Ned Land is a famous shark killer.
- 4 They sailed for three months.
- 5 Ned Land hit the creature with a harpoon.

True	False

Comprehension questions

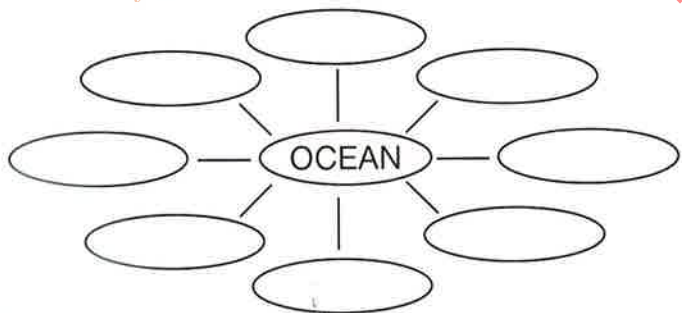
- 1 What did the sailors see in the ocean?
- 2 How big was the monster?
- 3 Who is professor Aronnax's assistant?
- 4 What did they fire at the monster?
- 5 What knocked Professor Aronnax out of the ship?

Topics for discussion

- 1 What do you know about whales? Tell the class.
- 2 Have you ever sailed on a big ship? When?
- 3 Who would you take with you on a dangerous journey? Why?

IV. Activities

A Fill in the spidergram with as many words as you can think of on the theme 'ocean'.



B Fill in the gaps with words from the list to complete the passage about the blue whale.

mouth	fish	sounds	intelligent
teeth	eats	animals	feet



The blue whale is a mammal, not a 1) They are the largest 2) alive today. The blue whale 3) small shell fish (plankton). It does not have any 4) though. It has a special system in its 5) to catch the plankton. Blue whales can measure up to 90 6) long. They are 7) animals and can 'talk' to one another by making special 8) through the water.


Vocabulary Exercises

1. Match the words in box A with their opposites in Box B.

A

1	dead
2	exciting
3	giant
4	ugly
5	accept

B

a	beautiful
b	alive
c	refuse
d	boring
e	small

1 2 3 4 5

2. Circle the correct item.

- 1 What is your father's **car** / **job**?
- 2 I have to **study** / **read** hard to pass the exam.
- 3 Marie Curie was a **famous** / **dangerous** scientist.
- 4 I had a really bad **nightmare** / **adventure** last night.
- 5 The shop **assistant** / **person** was very polite and helpful.

3. Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition.

for at like out

- 1 The beautiful girl looks a princess.
- 2 "Don't go near the cliff," the boy's mother cried
- 3 I am looking my keys but I can't find them anywhere.
- 4 The criminal fired a gun the policeman.

IV. Read the passage and try to guess the meaning of the words in bold.

Last week I got an **invitation** to a fancy dress party. I **accepted** the invitation. I dressed as a **monster**. I had a big head with three eyes and very long ears. I looked really **ugly**. The party **began** at 6.00, so I **left** the house at 5.30. When I arrived at the party, nobody **realised** it was me. It was a great party and I am glad I went.



Saved from the Ocean

I Listening

 Listen to the cassette and fill in the gaps with the correct item.

- 1 The Professor felt something touch him on his
A foot B leg C arm
- 2 The came out from behind the clouds.
A stars B sun C moon
- 3 Ned sat on a platform which was on top of the
A ship B monster C engine
- 4 A man in strange black clothes opened a secret door.
A fat B short C tall
- 5 large men with black masks came out.
A Two B Ten C Six

II Comprehension questions

- 1 How far away was the Abraham Lincoln?
- 2 Who followed the Professor in the water?
- 3 Who else fell in the water?
- 4 What was the 'monster', really?
- 5 What were the men wearing?

III Topics for discussion

- 1 What kind of ship do you think it is?
- 2 How old were you when you learned to swim? Who taught you?
- 3 Have you ever been diving? What was it like?

Chapter 2

IV. Activities

A *Match the pictures to the type of boat.*

ferry cruiser fishing boat speedboat submarine



1



2



3



4



5

B *Read chapter two again and correct the mistakes.*

Suddenly the ship stopped moving. A short man in strange white clothes opened a secret window on top of the ship. When he saw us, he ran back inside, excited. Two minutes later, six small men with black beards came out, took us by the ears, and took us down inside the ship.