

### Answer key

#### Comprehension 3

- 1 the top of a volcano before sunrise
- 2 Hans
- 3 Axel
- 4 Professor Lidenbrock
- 5 i) gaping  
ii) descend  
iii) firm
- 6 Suddenly our venture felt very foolish to me./A wave of nausea suddenly overtook me and my legs grew weak./My vision began to grow dim and I realized in horror that my body was tilting forward but I was powerless to stop it. (*any two*)
- 7 going down into the crater/volcano
- 8 Axel felt ashamed to voice his concerns because the other two men, Hans and his uncle, seemed very calm, so Axel did not want to look nervous in front of them. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 9 tossing  
secure
- 10 because they could not carry everything on their backs, so this was the easiest way to get all their belongings into the crater (*any reasonable answer*)
- 11 He felt very excited/happy. He watched the bags falling down the hole 'with a mischievous grin plastered across his face'. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 12 a bag
- 13 accustomed
- 14 because these animals are extremely good at climbing and they are unlikely to fall (*any reasonable answer*)
- 15 i) that the upper support/rock column would break  
ii) that the rope would break
- 16 i) Professor Lidenbrock  
ii) Axel  
iii) Hans
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**19** Yes, I would want to go with these men on their journey because it sounds very exciting, and I want to find out what is inside the volcano./No, I wouldn't want to go with these men on their journey because they seem quite reckless, and the trip seems too dangerous. (*any reasonable answer*)

**20** I think the men will reach the centre of the earth and find some fantastic creatures or treasure. (*any reasonable answer*)