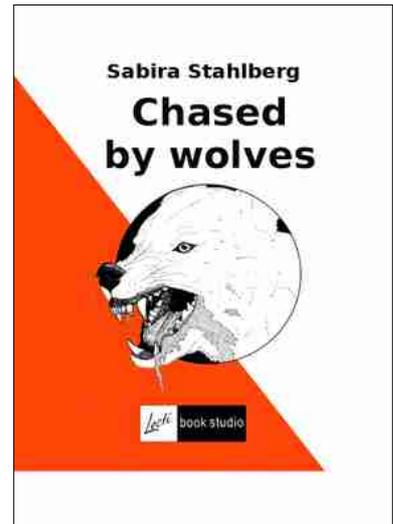


## Chased by wolves

*Chased by wolves* tells about the digestive system. The visible level is geographic – Egon’s travel through the climate zones from North to South, but in the end the reader discovers that the book actually tells about the way our food takes through the body. At the same time the book discusses the feeling about not really knowing where one is going, to find one’s own way in life and to trust one’s own judgment.



### **Discussion:**

What kind of thoughts did you receive from the story?  
What would you do in Egon’s situation?  
Compare the key at the end with the story.  
Discuss how the food goes through the body.  
What causes illnesses in the digestive system?  
What kind of food is healthy?  
What does it mean to be healthy? (Not only lack of illness)  
Which climate zones are best for agriculture?  
Which climate zones are suitable for animals or people?  
How can one survive in a desert? What would you do in a desert?

**Tasks:** Write a story about one of the pictures in the book.  
Describe a climate zone. What kind of plants and trees or animals live there?  
How do people live there?

## Chased by wolves: reading comprehension

A Egon has lost his way in the pine forest. What is the name of his home place?

1. Uptown
2. Intown
3. Undervillage
4. Outcity

B Why did Egon have difficulties to climb the trunk in the river?

1. The trunk was stuck on the shore
2. The trunk rolled around in the water
3. The trunk disappeared down the water fall
4. The trunk was too slippery

C Why was Linus not afraid of the howling wolves?

1. The wolves are not dangerous
2. The wolves are vegans
3. The wolves have never entered the cave
4. The wolves belong to the party programme

D Who meets Egon on the shore?

1. The wolves
2. Linus
3. Dolphins
4. Guests on the way to the party

E Egon tries to get on a train in the mixed forest. Why does he not succeed?

1. The conductor demands a ticket
2. There is not enough place on the train
3. He comes too late
4. He has no seat

F Egon becomes afraid of the girls in the forest with broad leaves, as they change great tits to crystals. Why?

1. Egon does not like great tits
2. Egon thinks the girls laugh in a bad way at him
3. Egon does not want to be changed into a yellow stone
4. Egon can't swim



G Egon meets Simon, who whistles for the insects to come. Which insects?

1. Mosquitoes
2. Dragonflies
3. Spiders
4. Centipedes

H Which insect was swallowed by the jungle flower?

1. Mosquito
2. Dragonfly
3. Spider
4. Centipede

I Egon steals a vehicle. Which one?

1. Motorcycle
2. Car
3. Bicycle
4. Canoe

J Egon is in the desert and feels thirsty. How does he try to get water?

1. He digs in the sand for a well
2. He licks damp stones
3. He digs up roots of plants
4. He breaks a piece of a cactus

K Ella is the girl who helps Egon. Which phenomenon in nature do they experience?

1. Snow storm and volcano eruption
2. Sand storm and volcano eruption
3. Tsunami and volcano eruption
4. Tornado and tsunami

## Chased by wolves: biology

A Egon is lost in the pine forest, where the trees are similar to teeth. He meets Amy, who has started breaking down the food. What is the substance she represents in the mouth?

1. Enzyme amylase
2. Enzyme lipase
3. Norovirus
4. Helicobacter

B Egon falls into the river because the earth moves. Earthquakes in the mouth and near the gorge are:

1. The thyroid gland is activated
2. The movement of the tongue
3. The movement of the cheeks
4. The teeth which grind food

C Nora, the Norovirus in the story, is rushing to the cave. What does the cave represent?

1. A fold in the stomach
2. The aperture of the small intestine
3. Ulcer
4. The throat and larynx

D The lake over which Egon is rowing is yellow and green. What is the acid liquid in the lake?

1. Environmental waste
2. Pea soup
3. Industrial detergents
4. Stomach juices

E The trains represent the manner in which enzymes come through the intestine channel and break down the food. Why does Egon not have a ticket for the train?

1. Egon is a nutrient
2. Egon is an enzyme
3. Egon is a bacteria
4. Egon is a virus

F The great tits are fats which change in the girls' hands. They disappear into the lake; this means they are sucked up by the intestine's villi. What are the yellow crystals?

1. Fatty acids
2. Enzymes
3. Vitamins
4. Minerals



G The dragonflies represent carbon hydrates and sugar in the small intestine. The white crystals are glucose.

With higher contents of glucose in the blood the hormone insulin is released from the pancreas to the blood system. What are the blue mushrooms?

1. Glucose
2. Insulin
3. Nutrients
4. Vitamins

H The jungle represents the lower part of the small intestine. Which vitamins are soaked up by the meat-eating flowers in the jungle?

1. A-, B and C-vitamins
2. A-, B and D-vitamins
3. A-, C and D-vitamins
4. B-, C and D-vitamins

I The proteins are broken down in the last part of the small intestine.

Egon confronts a steep rock wall on the savannah. The wall represents something in the human body, which no longer has a real function. What is it?

1. Gall bladder
2. Liver
3. Kidneys
4. The appendix

J The desert represents the large intestine, where all liquid is taken up. The cactuses are the vitamins that are first soaked up in the large intestine. Which vitamins are they?

1. B- and K-vitamins
2. B- and D-vitamins
3. B- and C-vitamins
4. B- and A-vitamins

K The volcano represents an aggressive cancer in the large intestine near the rectum. What are the white wolves?

1. Fungus infection
2. Yeast infection
3. White blood cells, defending the body against invaders
4. Fibres

