

## The quest for Kraken

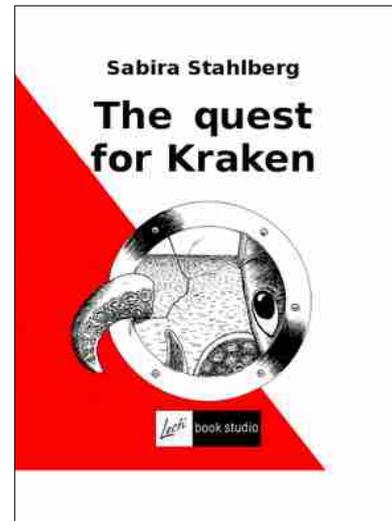
*The quest for Kraken* tells about the blood system. The visible level is a geographic journey over the Atlantic Ocean with a medical purpose (search for medicine), but also a mourning process after the death of close relatives and difficulties to communicate.

In the end the reader discovers that the book is about the blood and the blood system, that is bodily functions of human beings. At the same time the book tells about natural events in our surroundings, the high seas especially, and how human beings treat the planet.

### Discussion:

- What kind of thoughts does the story awaken in you?
- What would you do in Max's situation?
- Compare the key in the end with the story.
- Discuss how the blood circulation functions.
- How can we prevent illnesses in the blood circulation and the blood?
- What type of medicines do we get from animals and plants?
- Who lives in the world's oceans on different levels (surface, middle, deep)?
- What are the main problems right now in the oceans?
- What can we do with garbage and pollution in the oceans?

**Tasks:** Write a story about one of the pictures in the book.  
Write a story about a journey by ship, anywhere.



# The quest for Kraken: reading comprehension

## **Chapter 1:** Max writes to Eric about

1. satellites
2. the rusty ship
3. his boring school

## **Chapter 2:** The ship

1. weighs 300 kg
2. has a strong engine
3. tows other boats

## **Chapter 3:** Max is seasick and

1. he must stare at the horizon
2. he should go out on deck
3. he can't stand on his feet

## **Chapter 4:** Max

1. must do his tasks for school
2. is going to study at university
- 3.
4. takes a photo of Kraken's tentacles

## **Chapter 5:** The fog is dense and

1. Max sees nothing and is freezing
2. Aunt is only working in the laboratory
3. Max wants to go back to school

## **Chapter 6:** Aunt wants to

1. check if the fish have parasites
2. know all about fogs and squid
3. control that the machines function perfectly

## **Chapter 7:** The divers collect

1. corals and stones
2. jellyfish and fish
3. water samples from various depths

## **Chapter 8:** The storm

1. takes the ship northward
2. plays with the ship like a toy
3. brings the ship to Iceland

## **Chapter 9:** Max sees

1. many different birds
2. a razorbill which looks like a penguin
3. five kinds of squid



**Chapter 10:** The stream carries the ship

1. away from Greenland
2. into the tsunami
3. back to Greenland

**Chapter 11:** Max wants to

1. not eat fish every day
2. eat fish balls
3. eat jellyfish once a week

**Chapter 12:** Max likes to

1. look at the turtle
2. eat fish which have eaten plastics
3. throw garbage into the sea

**Chapter 13:** Max wants to

1. not touch the soup of the turtle
2. arrive in Nassau
3. swim in the sea with the sharks

**Chapter 14:** Aunt

1. slides on the wet deck and falls into the sea
2. shouts and splashes to scare the sharks
3. remembers the killer whales and gets scared

**Chapter 15:** Max

1. swims with the dolphins
2. goes to see his aunt in hospital
3. wants to dive in the coral reef

**Chapter 16:** The pirate

1. is fishing with net and dynamite
2. wants to have the right to fish alone here
3. thinks the ship is in the wrong place

**Chapter 17:** The squid eat

1. fish and other squid
2. sperm-whales
3. human beings

**Chapter 18:** The smaller giant squid

1. is wounded and dies
2. has lost one tentacle
3. is blind on one eye



## **The quest for Kraken: explain words**

**Chapter 1:** contact, satellite, seaworthy

**Chapter 2:** message, diesel engine, to lecture

**Chapter 3:** horizon, cabin, seasick

**Chapter 4:** task, wire, rope, model

**Chapter 5:** news, get used to, oxygen

**Chapter 6:** parasite, researcher, deck

**Chapter 7:** laboratory, experiment, navigator

**Chapter 8:** mechanical instrument, wireless, smoking volcano

**Chapter 9:** watch with binoculars, temperature, protest

**Chapter 10:** somersault, earthquake, warning

**Chapter 11:** enormous shoal, nutrition, suction cup

**Chapter 12:** fuel, forbidden, garbage

**Chapter 13:** natural, under a spell, disappear

**Chapter 14:** test tube, duck, origin

**Chapter 15:** swollen, accident, repair

**Chapter 16:** blood pressure, recover, tide

**Chapter 17:** cannibal, sperm-whales, prey

**Chapter 18:** temporary pool, effective medicine, examine

