

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

armor any kind of protective covering

encases covers completely; encloses

extinct no longer existing

hideous very ugly; frightful; horrible

plunged fell or moved suddenly downward or forward

serpent snake, especially a big snake

Grammar

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

A **comparative adjective** is used to compare two people, places, things, or groups. Add *-er* to most adjectives to make them comparative. *For example: Ben is faster than Ellen.* A **superlative adjective** is used to compare three or more people, places, things, or groups. Add *-est* to most adjectives to make them superlative. *For example: Alice is the fastest sprinter on the team.* Remember that there is no need to combine the word *more* with comparative or superlative adjectives in your writing.

Activity

Better-Best With a family member, write out five statements about people you know—family, friends, teachers, etc.—that use adjectives. *For example: My sister is loud. Uncle Steve is funny.* Then go back and make all of the adjectives comparative. After that, change them all to superlative adjectives.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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