

1 What is unusual about Guillermo de Anda's job?

Discuss. Then listen and read. [017](#)

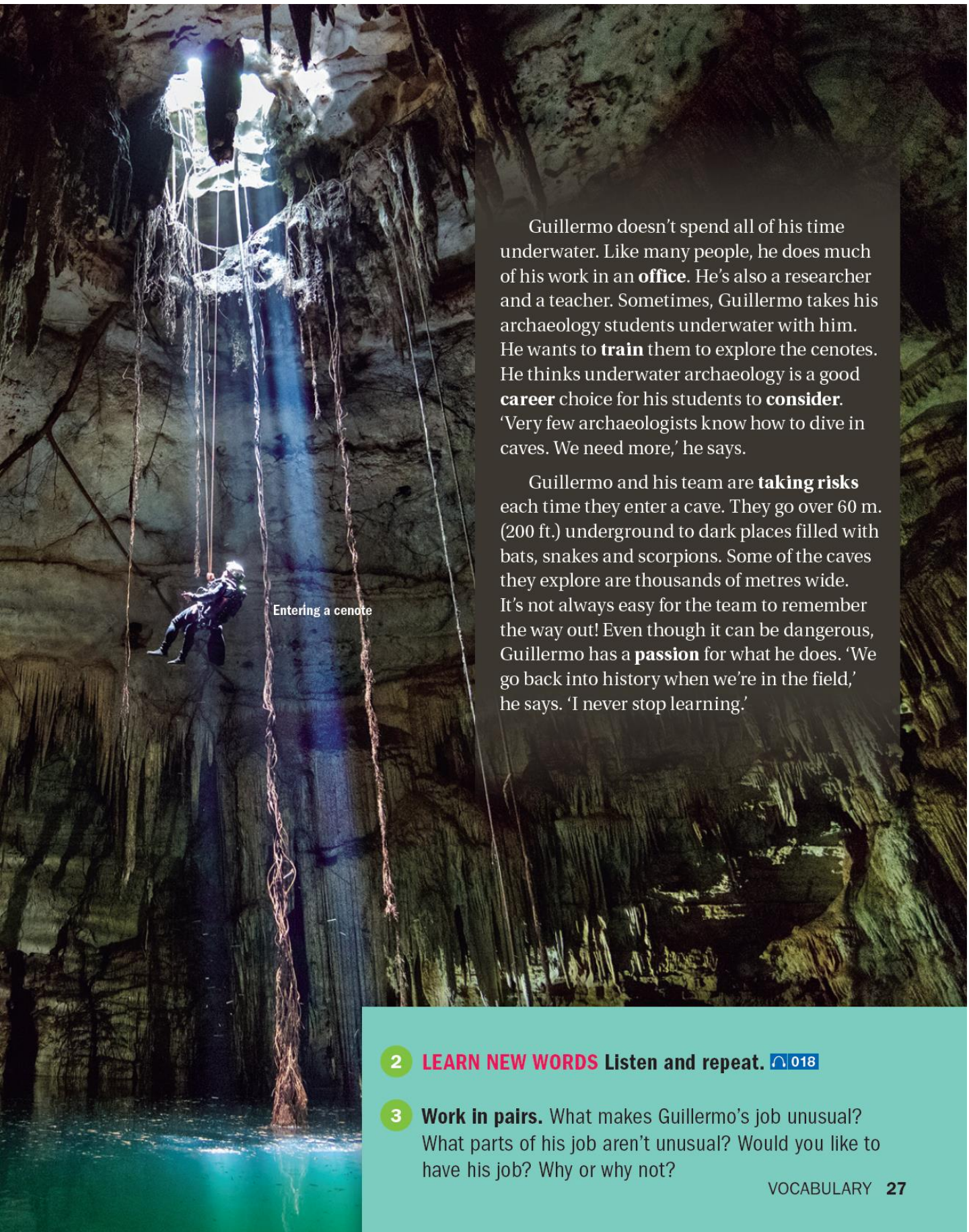
What do underwater **adventure**, detective work and Mayan history have in common? They're all part of the unusual **profession** of Guillermo de Anda. He's a college professor and an underwater **archaeologist**. Guillermo's **job** is to **explore** flooded underground areas known as *cenotes*. 'It's unusual **work** for a lot of people,' Guillermo says about his job. 'It's hard, but it's a lot of fun as well.'

Guillermo dives to learn more about Mayan culture. About 2,000 years ago, the Maya lived in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico, the area Guillermo explores. Guillermo dives there now to look for ancient Mayan artefacts underwater. He **studies** them for **clues** about how the Maya lived.



The inside of a cenote





Entering a cenote

Guillermo doesn't spend all of his time underwater. Like many people, he does much of his work in an **office**. He's also a researcher and a teacher. Sometimes, Guillermo takes his archaeology students underwater with him. He wants to **train** them to explore the cenotes. He thinks underwater archaeology is a good **career** choice for his students to **consider**. 'Very few archaeologists know how to dive in caves. We need more,' he says.

Guillermo and his team are **taking risks** each time they enter a cave. They go over 60 m. (200 ft.) underground to dark places filled with bats, snakes and scorpions. Some of the caves they explore are thousands of metres wide. It's not always easy for the team to remember the way out! Even though it can be dangerous, Guillermo has a **passion** for what he does. 'We go back into history when we're in the field,' he says. 'I never stop learning.'

2 **LEARN NEW WORDS** Listen and repeat. 018

3 **Work in pairs.** What makes Guillermo's job unusual? What parts of his job aren't unusual? Would you like to have his job? Why or why not?

4 Read and circle the correct word.

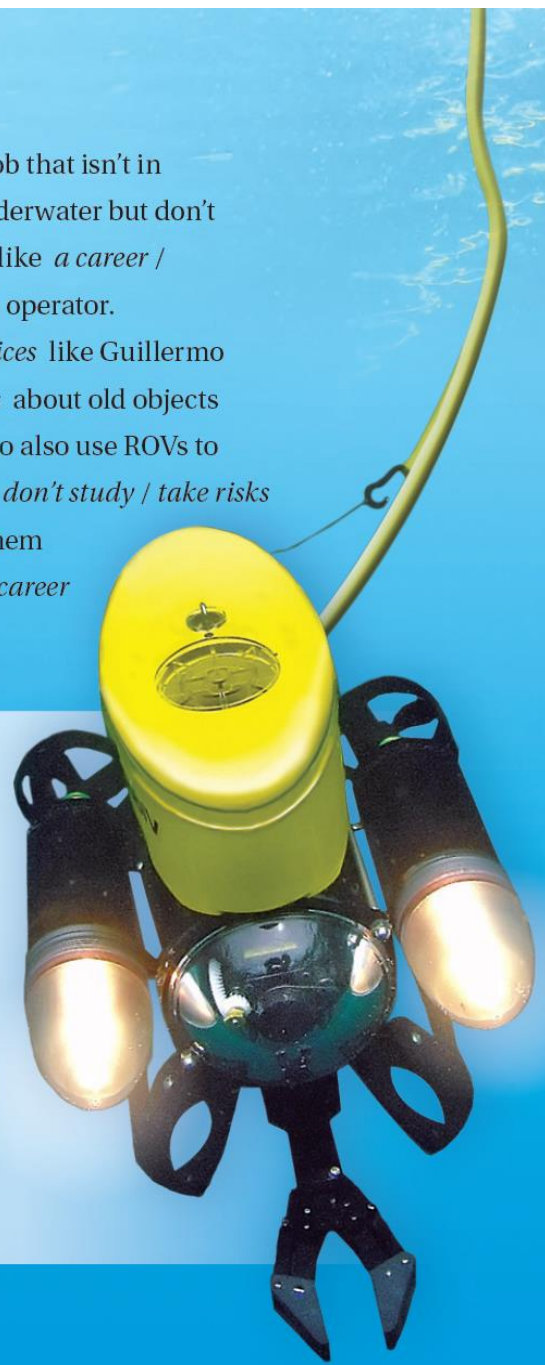
Do you like *adventure / profession*? Do you want a job that isn't in *a clue / an office*? Do you want to *consider / explore* underwater but don't know how to dive? If you answered *yes*, then you might like *a career / an archaeologist* as a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) operator.

ROV operators help underwater *archaeologists / offices* like Guillermo de Anda. ROV operators help look for *professions / clues* about old objects and the people who used them. Explorers like Guillermo also use ROVs to decide what parts of a cave they should explore. Divers *don't study / take risks* when they dive into caves, so ROV operators can help them make choices about where to explore. If your *passion / career* is exploring, consider becoming an ROV operator.

5 LEARN NEW WORDS Listen and complete the sentences with the correct word. Then listen and repeat. 📞 019 020

choice dangerous researcher

1. If a job is _____, it isn't safe.
2. When you make a _____, you decide what you want.
3. A _____ studies people or objects to learn more about them.



An ROV

6 YOU DECIDE Choose an activity.

1. **Work independently.** Think of another use for an ROV. Draw and label your idea. Share it with the class.
2. **Work in pairs.** Imagine you're an underwater archaeologist. What do you like about the job? What don't you like about it? Discuss your ideas with a partner.
3. **Work in groups.** Make a list of five unusual jobs. Ask students in your class which of the jobs they would like to do. Ask them to explain their answers.