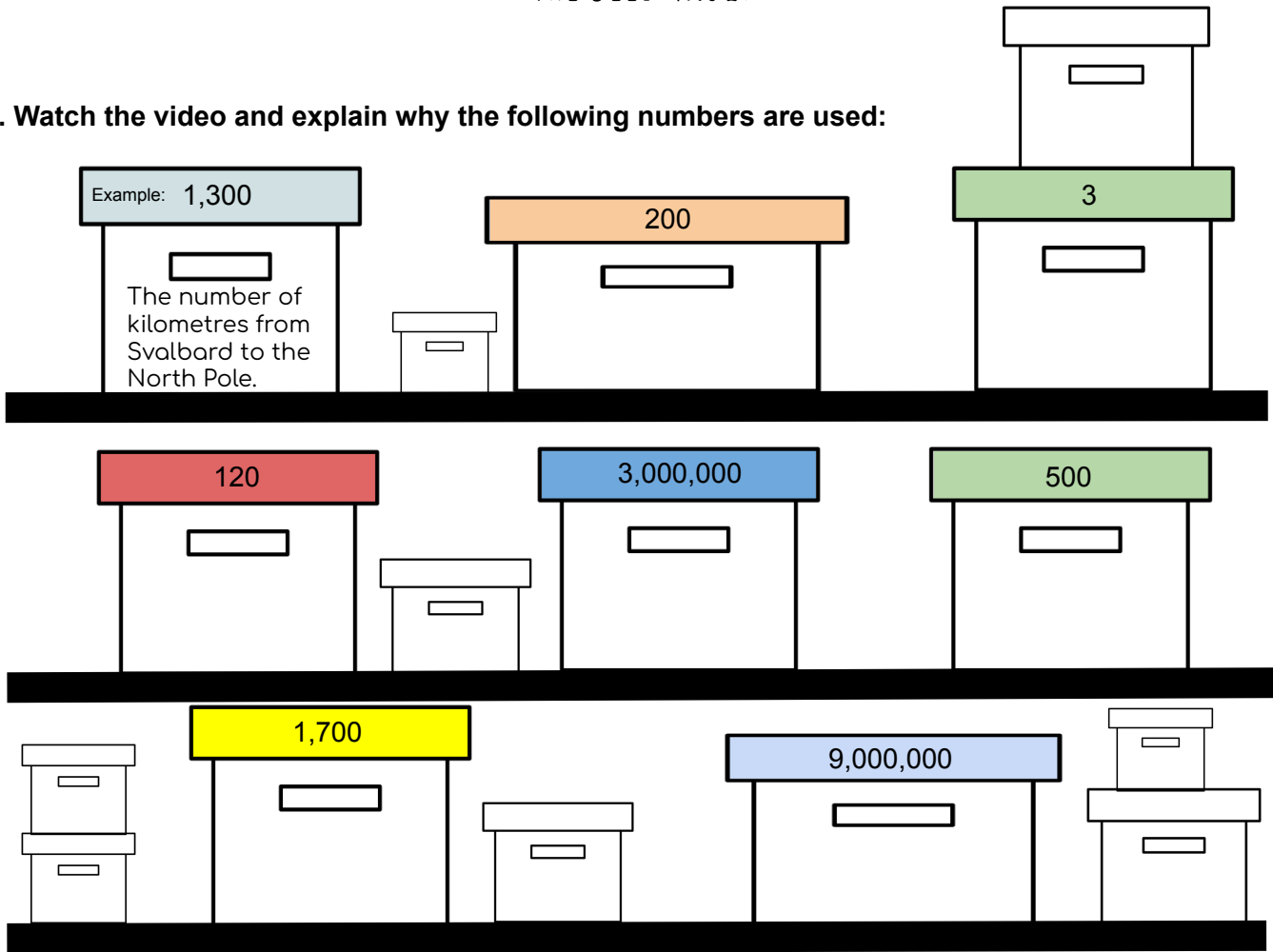


# THE SEED VAULT

1. Watch the video and explain why the following numbers are used:



2. Using the information from the video, complete the following text with ONE suitable word for each gap.

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault is designed to store (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from a wide range of plant species in order to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the diversity of crops around the world. The seeds are stored in a deep underground (3) \_\_\_\_\_, which is protected by permafrost and designed to be flood-proof. The seeds are packaged in special (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that are placed in (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and these are stored on (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the underground vault rooms.

3. Why is the Svalbard Global Seed Vault so important? How can it help us in the future?

**4. Read the following story. Where does it take place? Who are the main characters? What is the problem?**

Bente and Amelia had been working together at the Svalbard Global Seed Vault for several months now. They had grown accustomed to the monotony of their daily routines, and the eerie silence that surrounded them.



One day, as they were going about their work, they suddenly heard strange sounds coming from inside the vault room. They paused and looked at each other, unsure of what to make of it. The noises were unlike anything they had ever heard before - a strange, low rumbling that seemed to be coming from deep within one of the boxes.

The two of them quickly finished their tasks and made their way inside the vault room to investigate. As they approached the box in question, the rumbling grew louder. Amelia reached out to open the box, but Bente stopped her. "Wait," she said, "we need to be sure it's safe."

They carefully examined the box and found that it was still sealed and intact. But the noises were coming from inside. They looked at each other, both thinking the same thing: something was alive inside the box.

Amelia slowly opened the box.

**5. What happened next? Write an ending to the story.**