

A. Answer the questions.

1. What is a cave?

- a. A cave is a manmade underground hole.
- b. A cave is a naturally-made underground chamber.
- c. A cave is a chamber that can erupt.

2. Are all caves big?

- a. Yes, all caves are big.
- b. No, some caves are big, and some caves are small.

3. What is claustrophobia?

- a. It is a fear of big, open spaces.
- b. It is a fear of small, closed spaces.
- c. It is a love of caving.

4. Are there underwater caves?

- a. Yes, some caves are underwater.
- b. No, there are no underwater caves.

5. A stalactite ______.

- a. grows from the cave floor.
- b. hangs from the cave ceiling.

6. A stalagmite _____.

- a. grows from the cave floor.
- b. hangs from the cave ceiling.

7. Choose 4 things you might need to explore a cave.

ropes	car	head lamp
hooks	kite	carabiners

8. Where is Fingal's cave?

- a. It is in Mexico.
- b. It is in New Zealand.
- c. It is in Scotland.
- d. It is in Iceland

9. Where is the Kverkfjoll Ice Cave?

- a. It is in Mexico.
- b. It is in New Zealand.
- c. It is in Scotland.
- d. It is in Iceland



B. Choose the correct word to complete the story.

caves	underground	head lamp	claustrophobia
chamber	carabiners	stalactites	stalagmites
column	drapery	ceiling	formation

are really cool places to visit. They are found deep	and if you have	
you should explore them. Some caves are very small and have only one		
, but some caves are huge and have several chambers. Some caves	s are far underground and	
you have to climb down to explore them. You need a, ropes,	hooks, and	
to get into these caves. In a cave you see hanging from the	and	
growing from the cave floor. Sometimes these join to create a		
Finally some parts of the cave look like curtains. We call this	It is a kind of rock	

C. Match the picture to the sentence.

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It is called drapery.
It looks like a waterfall.

This cave is special because of the formation of the rocks.

Some caves are big enough for people to walk through.
It's even possible to drive through some caves.

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Some people like to dive into caves.
This cave is not a rock cave. It is made of ice.
Stalactites hang from the ceiling of a cave. Stalagmites grow from the cave floor.

D. Put the title, and the paragraphs in the correct order.

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In a cave, it is dark.	
Not much sunlight can get into a cave.	
If a cave is very big, it can get very, very dark.	
To explore a cave, you need to bring lights to help you see.	
You should wear a helmet with a head lamp, too.	
You might also need to bring ropes, hooks, and carabiners.	
Sometimes you have to abseil down to get to the entrance of a cave.	
That part sounds like fun.	
Caves can be beautiful.	
What caves are near your home?	
Have you ever seen a cave?	
Have you ever been inside a cave?	
Caves often have stalactites and stalagmites.	
Stalactites hang from the ceiling of a cave.	
Stalagmites grow from the cave floor.	
They look like icicles.	
Look at this column.	
It was made when the stalactites and stalagmites joined together in the middle.	
Look at this rock formation.	
It is called drapery.	
It looks like a waterfall.	
It is formed by water flowing along the walls of a cave.	
Look at this cave.	

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It is called the Kverkfjoll Ice Cave. It is in Iceland. This cave is not a rock cave. It is made of ice. A cave is a naturally-made underground chamber. There are many caves around the world. Some caves are big enough for people to walk through. It's even possible to drive through some caves. Some caves are difficult to explore because they're quite small, and narrow. If you have claustrophobia you should stay out of caves. Look at this cave. It is called the Cave of Crystals. It is in Mexico. This cave has enormous crystals inside. Do you see how small the explorers look compared to the giant crystals? Look at this cave. It is called Fingal's Cave. It is in Scotland. This cave is special because of the formation of the rocks. Why do you think they look so strange? All About Caves Look at this cave. It is called the Glowworm Cave. It is in New Zealand. This cave is famous for the glowing worms that live there. The glowworms make a light that makes this cave beautiful. Some caves are underwater. You need special gear to explore these underwater caves. It's similar to scuba diving but you're in smaller spaces. It can be hard to explore a cave. Some people like to dive into caves. It can be scary and dangerous to dive into caves. Some caves are so deep that you have to fall for a long time to reach the bottom. Would you want to go cave diving?



E. Word Count. Read the passage again. Count how many times you see the following words.

Word	How many times did you see this word in the story?
rock/rocks	
underwater	
explore/explores	
dark	
dive	
Today I learned:	