

# Underground Adventure

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- 1 Find the following words in the text and write whether they are used as nouns or verbs.

Page	Word	Noun meaning	Verb meaning	Verb or noun?
4	guide	leader	direct	
8	group	party	assemble	
8	rain	precipitation	fall	
11	channel	waterway	direct	
12	float	raft	hover	
13	whisk	looped wire	whip	

- 2 We can draw conclusions about a character by observing their conversations, actions and comments. Rate each of the following statements by putting a cross on the dotted line. Support your rating with an example from the text.

a Nina's parents enjoy outdoors holidays. 
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Strongly agree
Strongly disagree

b Kelly is an experienced caver. 
●
●
  

Strongly agree
Strongly disagree

c Nina loves adventure stories. 
●
●
  

Strongly agree
Strongly disagree

d Rick is an enthusiastic guide. 
●
●
  

Strongly agree
Strongly disagree

e Nina is a risk-taker. 
●
●
  

Strongly agree
Strongly disagree

- 3 Breaking words into syllables can help us to hear all of the sounds. Sort the following topic words into the grid below. Make sure that you spell each word accurately.

*constellations grotto channel larve bioluminescence silhouettes*  
*fluorescent dangerous instructions passage downstream*

2 syllables	3 syllables	4 syllables	6 syllables

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1 Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and are spelt differently. For example: where, we're, wear. Read the sentences below and circle the correct homophone. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

- a In an instant she was grabbed by the **currant/current**, pulled over the cascade and carried downstream.
- b She drifted back to the **centre/center** of the **pool/pull**.
- c "She was **write/right** here," Kelly explained to Nina's parents – and the **whole/hole** group.
- d She grabbed on and **staid/stayed** there.
- e Is this **where/wear** I am going to **die/dye**?
- f The **lite/light** of the worms and **they're/their** reflection gave Nina a **feint/faint** view of the huge room she was in.



2 Match the words to their definitions.

glowworm	the long thin formations dangling from a cave's ceiling
grotto	formations growing up from the cave floor
helictites	a steep fall or flow of water from a height; a cascade
pool	the larvae stage of a small fly
stalactites	a term used for a cave or a cavern
stalagmites	a still deep place in a stream
waterfall	the tiny formations jutting out of the cave walls in random directions

3 The word 'excitement' has two meanings: 'enthusiasm' and 'agitation'. Nina experiences both types of excitement during her adventure in the cave. On the back of this page, draw an 'excitement graph' that follows the plot. Draw a line to show increases and decreases in excitement.



Your vertical axis should show a scale/level of excitement.

Your horizontal axis should show events in the story.

