

Exploring Caves

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Circle the right words to complete each of these sentences.

The shape of a **small / large** cave is described as a **cabin / an oval**.

Sea caves are formed **along / under** coastlines by big, crashing **waves / volcanoes**.

Some / All caves are formed from the **rocks / lava** of volcanoes.

Rock **flowers / holes** and frostwork can form when crystals from minerals grow in **complex / simple** patterns.

Soil experts study **insects / bacteria** from underground **soil / clay** samples.

If a person exploring a **forest / cave** gets a headache or has trouble breathing, this is often a sign that the **air / food** is not good.

The Wookey Hole Caves, in **Spain / England**, are limestone caves with a river running **over / through** them.

The first **wall / cave** paintings were **painted / discovered** in the Altamira cave in northern Spain, in 1880.

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Write the names of these caves into the correct boxes.

Booming Ice Chasm, Canada	Cave of the Crystals, Mexico
Mammoth Cave, USA	Wookey Hole Caves, England
Dragon's Breath Cave, Namibia	Kungur Ice Cave, Russia
Dongzhong Cave, China	Yarrangobilly Caves, Australia

Has limestone rock which is 440 million years old

Made up of 50 caves and 70 underground lakes

Found beneath the Kalahari Desert

Contains crystals up to 12 metres in length

Have a steady temperature of 11°C and moist air

Found high in the icy cliffs of the Rocky Mountains

Was the location of a school for 27 years

The longest cave system in the world
