

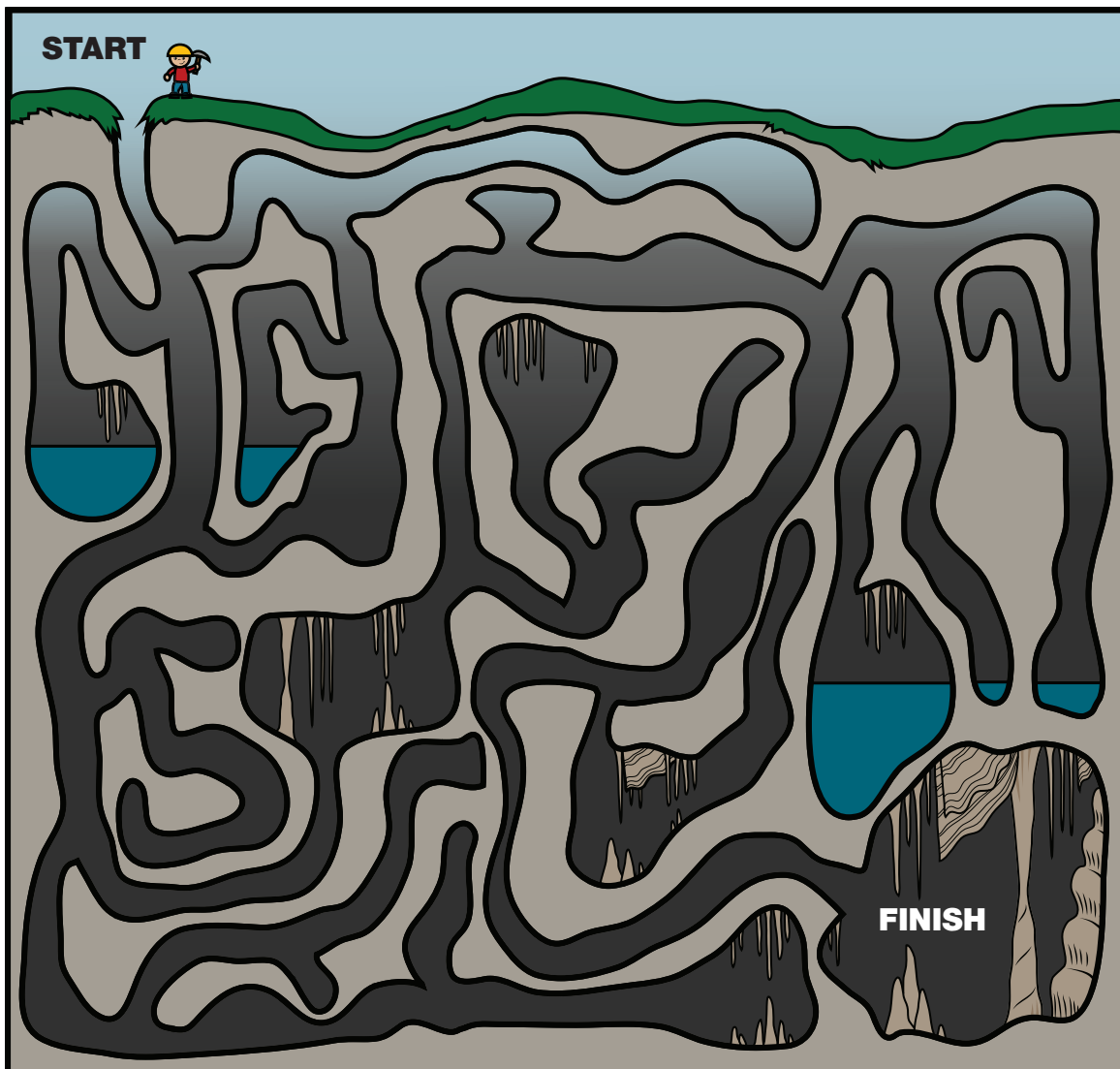
Karst



Karst is a type of landscape made when acidic water seeps through cracks in the ground and slowly dissolves **limestone rock** over thousands or millions of years, leaving underground passages and spaces. Karst landscapes attract visitors and explorers, because caves, sinkholes and other interesting features can be found there.

It's a Cave Expedition!

Help the spelunker (or cave explorer) get through the cave maze to the main chamber!



Limestone is a rock that is made of tiny shells, corals, and skeletons of tiny ocean creatures. The limestone that is found on land was formed at the bottom of an ancient ocean!

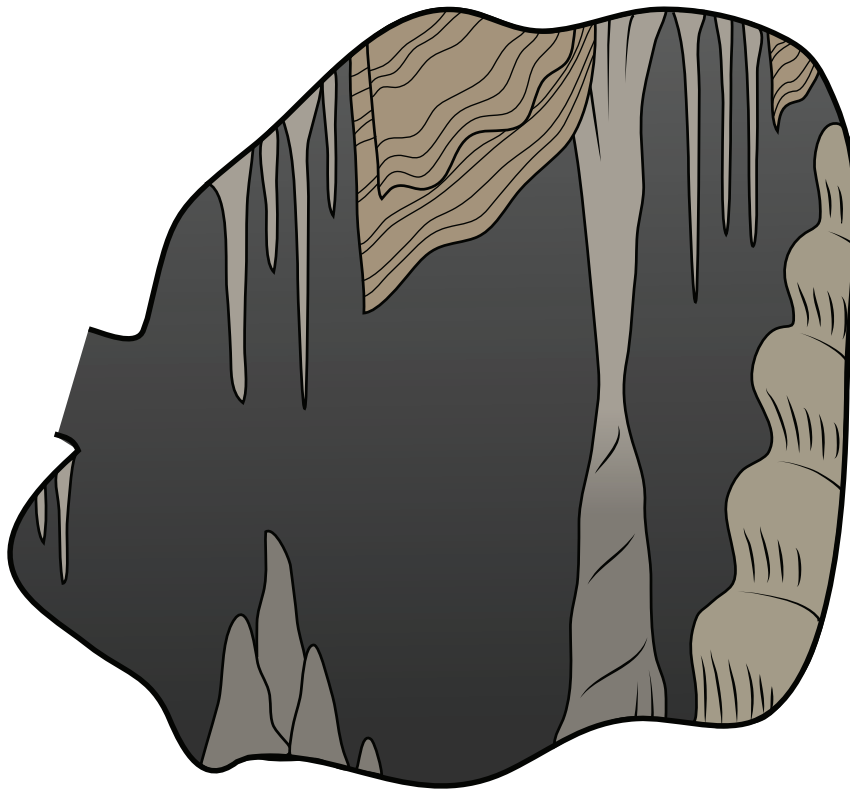
Caves



A **cave** is a natural underground space that is large enough for people to fit inside. Caves are created through a variety of processes, including the weathering of rock, volcanic activity or landslides.

Label the Formations

There are many different formations in caves, including stalagmites, draperies and flowstone. Most are caused by the slow dripping of water, which over time deposits minerals. Draw a line from the cave formation terms to the correct drawing in the cave to the left.



DRAPERY: looks like stone curtains hanging from the ceiling.

STALACTITE: looks like an icicle made of stone.

COLUMN: these form when a stalactite and stalagmite meet.

STALAGMITE: these are usually thicker than stalactites.

FLOWSTONE: looks like a frozen waterfall.



Memory Booster: stalagmites grow up from the ground and “mite” reach the ceiling, and stalactites hold “tite” to the ceiling!

