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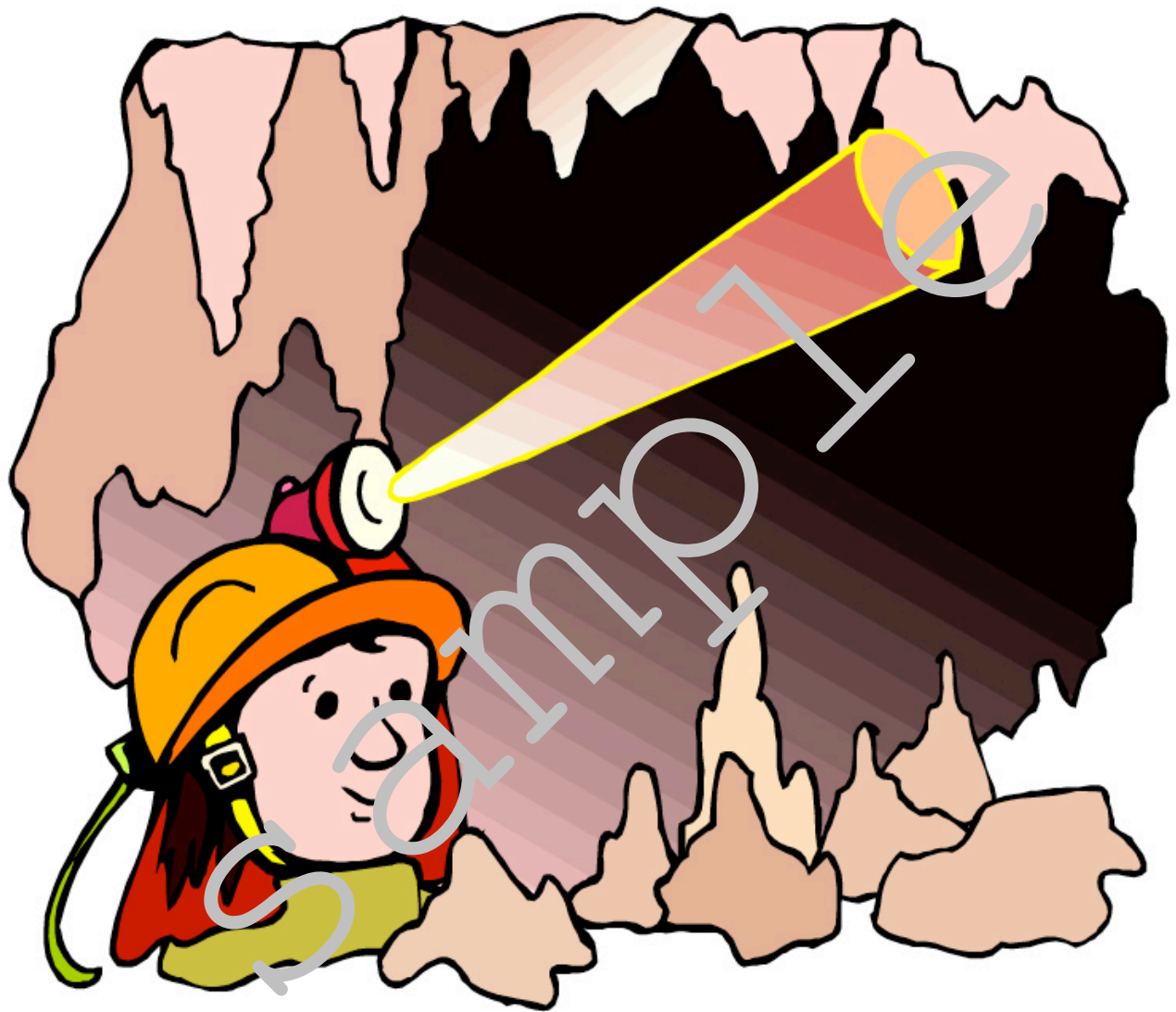
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A cave is any hole in the ground, mountain, or hillside that is big enough to be explored by a person. The hole may be only big enough to crawl into and may be only a few feet deep, but it is still called a cave. A very large cave is called a cavern.

Caves with chambers are usually found in areas that have plenty of rain. Chambers are rooms that are going off the main area of a cave. Some caves may have an opening in the roof called a blowhole.

Almost all caves have been formed by the action of water over a long time cutting through land. The land must be a special type called “karst.” Karst is made up of rock that will dissolve in water. It is usually limestone. The name comes from a region of the country of Slovenia in Europe. Slovenia has large areas of limestone. Limestone has calcium in it, a lot like the calcium that makes your teeth and bones.



Read each question below. Write the correct answer on the line.

1. A cave is any hole in the ground, \_\_\_\_\_ or hillside that is big enough to be explored by a person.
2. A very large cave is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ has calcium in it.
4. Some caves have an opening in the roof called a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ has a large area of limestone.



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Different kinds of animals live in caves. Some animals spend their whole lives in caves. Other animals come and go as they need. Some spend a small part of their time in the caves.

The animals that live in caves all their lives do not need to see. It is not necessary for them to be protected from the sunlight, heat, and cold. They usually have no eyes or are blind. Their bodies are white or pink and are smooth-skinned. These are worms, insects, crayfish, and lizards. They eat the bacteria and fungi growing on plants and dead animals that come into the cave with water from rain or floods. They are called Troglolobites (a Greek word that means "cave life").



The animals that live only part of their life in the caves are larger. They are quite often insects, lizards, snakes, and mice. They do not have to get their food in the cave. They will bring food in to eat. They will also eat the smaller animals that live in or come into the cave. Animals often sleep there at night or use the cave to hide from predators (animals that want to eat them).



Fill in the missing blanks. Read each sentences.

1. Some animals spend their whole lives in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Animals that live in caves all their lives usually have no eyes or are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Animals will bring their \_\_\_\_\_ to eat into the cave.
4. Sometimes animals use caves to hide from their \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Animals that live in caves are usually white or \_\_\_\_\_ with very smooth-skinned.

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## CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?  
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

stalactites  
cave

bats  
spelunker

ground  
stalagmites

rocks  
cavern

