

Cave Pictionary

You can find some weird and amazing sights in caves, and some of them have some pretty weird names, too. Here's a mini cave dictionary, complete with pictures. Why not read the definitions and then draw your own cave with its own wild wonders?

Cave dictionary:

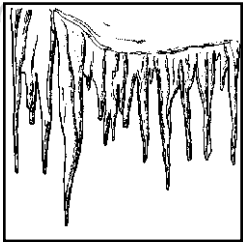
stalactite – a mineral deposit that grows down like an icicle from the ceiling of a cave.

stalagmite – a mineral deposit that drips onto the floor of a cave and grows upward.

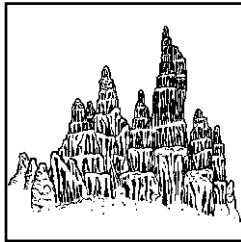
troglobite – an animal that lives its entire life in a cave, often in total darkness. Blind cave fish and cave crickets are troglobites.

troglophile – an animal that lives its entire life in a cave, but has no particular adaptations to cave life. Earthworms, scorpions, and various insects can be troglophiles.

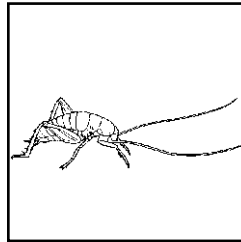
trogloxene – an animal that spends part of its life in caves, but leaves to find food. Bats are the most familiar trogloxenes.



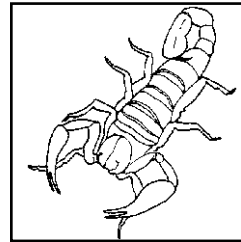
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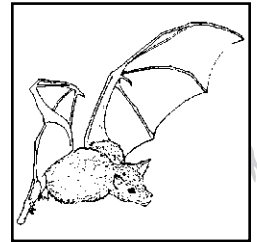
stalagmites



troglobite
(cave cricket)



troglophile
(scorpion)



trogloxene
(bat)