

Caves

are

natural

formations

found

underground

or

in

cliffs

and

mountains

.

Caves

are

formed

by

erosion,

dissolution,

and

other

geological

processes

over

time

.

Some

caves

have

unique

features

like

stalactites

and

stalagmites,

and

helictites

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Caves

can

be

home

to

a

variety

of

creatures

such

as

bats,

salamanders,

and

insects

.

People

have

been

exploring

caves

for

thousands

of

years,

and

some

have

turned

into

tourist

attractions.

Exploring

caves

requires

special

gear

such

as

helmets

and

flashlights

.

The

temperature

inside

a

cave

is

usually

cooler

than

outside,

making

it

a cool

place

in

summer.

Caves

can

be

dangerous,

with

hazards

like

loose

rocks,

steep

drops,

and

narrow

passages

.



Some

caves

have

underground

rivers

and

lakes

that

can

be

explored

by

cave

diving

.

Caves

have

been

important

to

humans

for

shelter,

storage,

and

cultural

purposes

throughout

history

.