

Need another word that means the same as “cave”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “cave” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Cave” are: cavern, grotto, hollow, cavity, pothole, underground chamber, gallery, tunnel, dugout, undermine, spelunk, collapse, fall in, give, give way, crumble, crumple, disintegrate, subside, fall down, sag, slump

Cave as a Noun

Definitions of "Cave" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “cave” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A natural underground chamber in a hillside or cliff.*
- *A geological formation consisting of an underground enclosure with access from the surface of the ground or from the sea.*



Synonyms of "Cave" as a noun (9 Words)

cavern

A large, dark place or space.

*A dark **cavern** of a shop.*

cavity

Space that is surrounded by something.

*The abdominal **cavity**.*

dugout

A canoe made from a hollowed tree trunk.

*The German gun crews kept in their **dugouts**.*

gallery

A long room or passage, typically one that is partly open at the side to form a portico or colonnade.

*An art **gallery**.*

grotto

A small cave (usually with attractive features).

*Visits to Father Christmas s **grotto**.*

hollow

A depression hollowed out of solid matter.

*A **hollow** at the base of a large tree.*

pothole

A depression or hollow in a road surface caused by wear or subsidence.

*Upstream were **potholes** from the recent rains where a pair of herons stood.*

tunnel

A hole made by an animal, usually for shelter.

*Cover plants in rows with a cloche **tunnel**.*

underground chamber

A secret group organized to overthrow a government or occupation force.



Usage Examples of "Cave" as a noun

- *The narrow gorge contains a series of prehistoric caves.*



Cave as a Verb

Definitions of "Cave" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "cave" as a verb can have the following definitions:

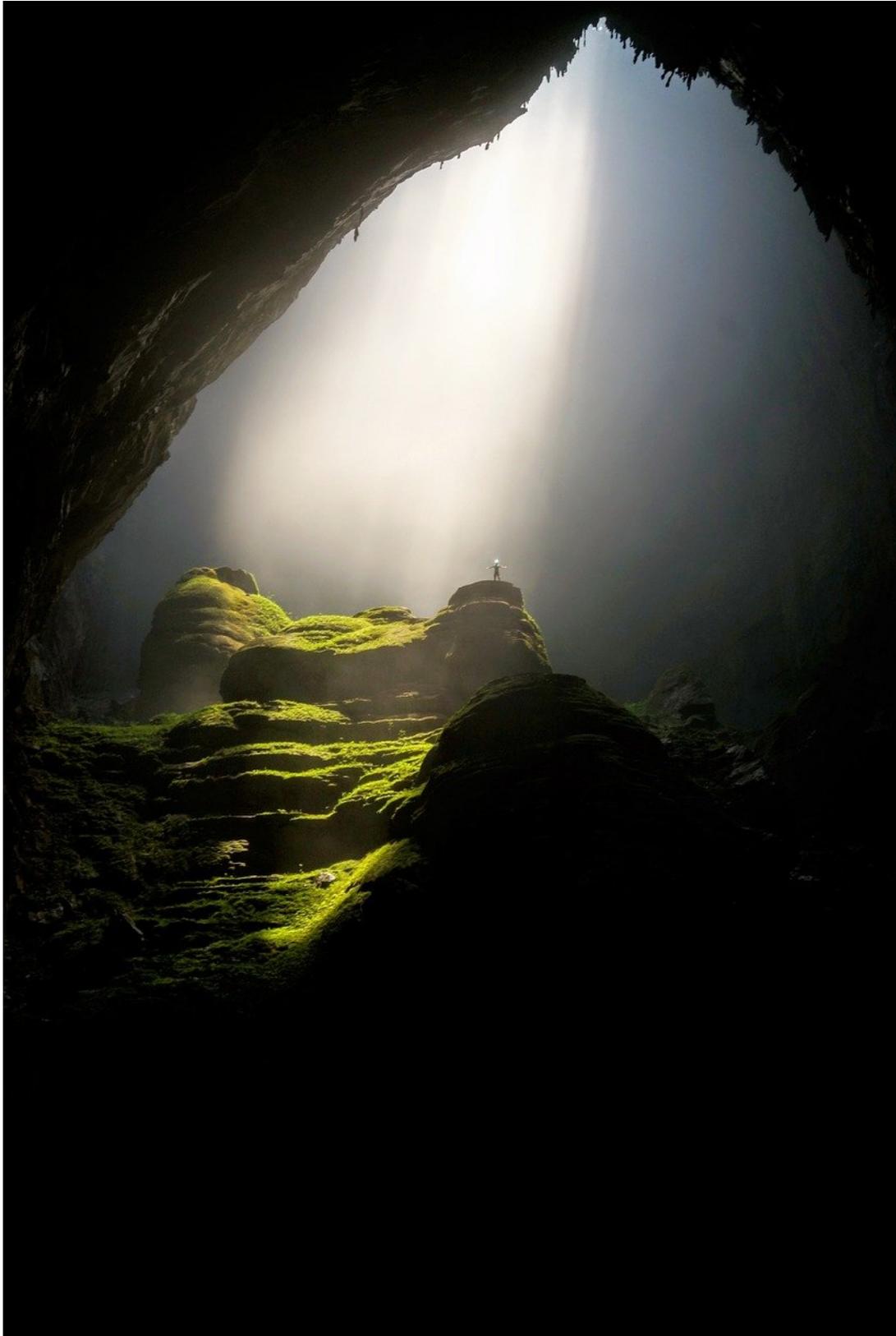
- *Capitulate or submit under pressure; cave in.*
- *Explore caves as a sport.*
- *Hollow out as if making a cave or opening.*
- *Explore natural caves.*



Synonyms of "Cave" as a verb (13 Words)

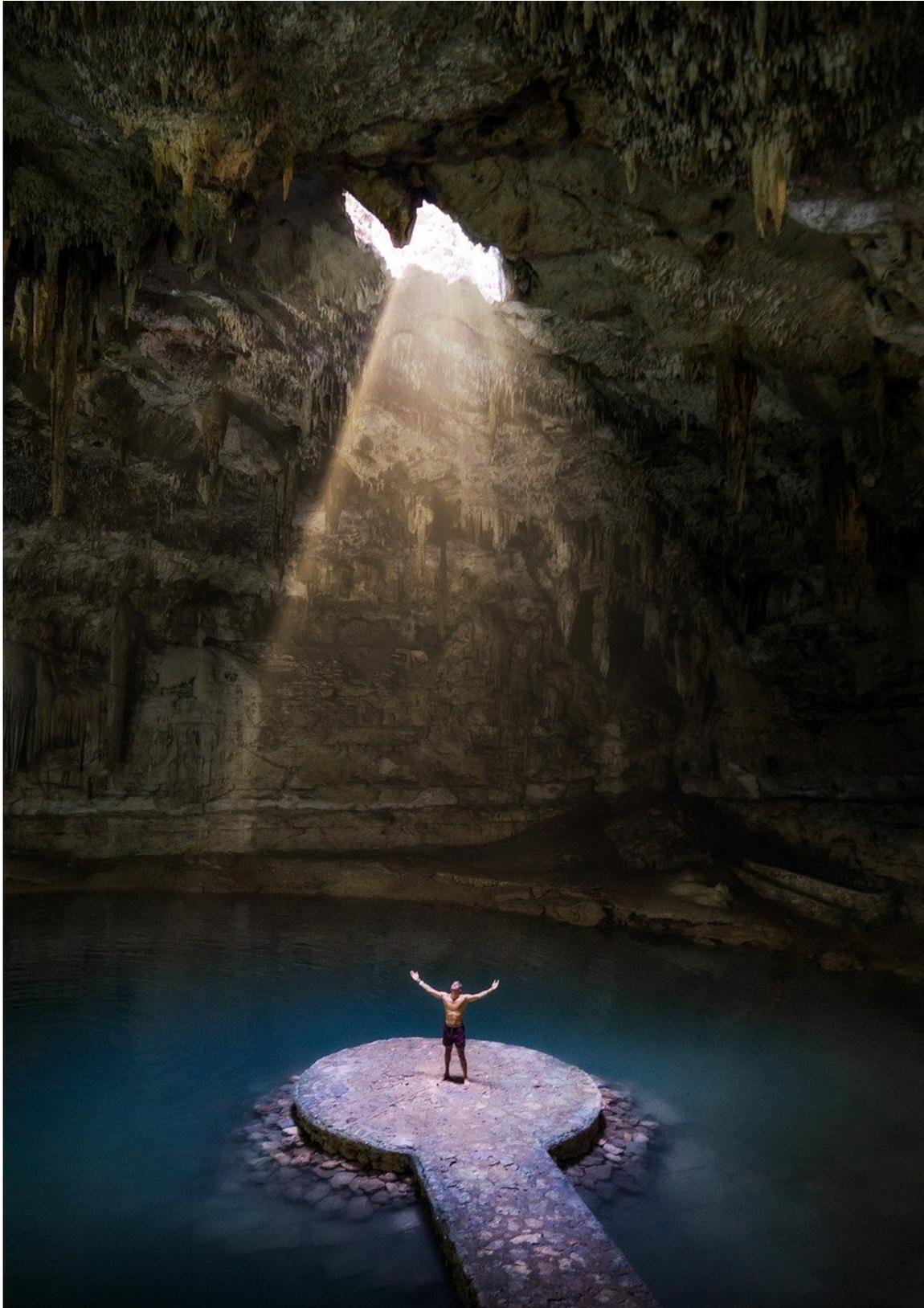
<u>collapse</u>	Cause a lung or blood vessel to collapse. <i>The stock market collapsed.</i>
crumble	Break or fall apart into fragments. <i>The cookies crumbled.</i>
<u>crumple</u>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>The bumper crumpled as it glanced off the wall.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Lose strength or cohesion and gradually fail. <i>A meson can spontaneously disintegrate.</i>
fall down	Slope downward.
fall in	Come out; issue.
<u>give</u>	Give as medicine. <i>A baby given into their care by the accident of her birth.</i>
give way	Organize or be responsible for.

sag	Cause to sag. <i>She let her head sag lower and lower.</i>
slump	Fall or sink heavily. <i>Land prices slumped.</i>
spelunk	Explore natural caves.
subside	Lapse into silence or inactivity. <i>Patrick subsided into his seat.</i>
undermine	Destroy property or hinder normal operations. <i>The demolition engineers did eventually undermine two of the tower's six sides.</i>



Usage Examples of "Cave" as a verb

- *He caved because his position had become untenable.*
- *She finally caved in the face of his persistence.*
- *They say they cave for the adventure, challenge, and physical exercise.*



Associations of "Cave" (30 Words)

<u>cache</u>	Store data in a cache memory. <i>There was a good supply of meat in the caches.</i>
calcify	Harden by deposition of or conversion into calcium carbonate or another insoluble calcium compound. <i>Old folks can calcify.</i>
<u>cavern</u>	Hollow out as if making a cavern. <i>His eyes were dark caverns.</i>
coal	Take in coal. <i>A coal fire.</i>
dark	A dark colour or shade especially in a painting. <i>A dark gloomy day.</i>
darkness	An unenlightened state. <i>The powers of darkness.</i>
den	Of a wild animal live in a den. <i>The cubs denned in the late autumn.</i>
<u>dim</u>	Become dim or lusterless. <i>A dim figure in the dark kitchen.</i>
dripstone	A protective drip that is made of stone.
dusky	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>Dusky light came from a small window.</i>
grotto	An indoor structure resembling a cave. <i>Visits to Father Christmas s grotto.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Designed to elude detection. <i>A hidden cave.</i>
impenetrable	Not admitting of penetration or passage into or through. <i>Impenetrable gloom.</i>
lair	A secret or private place in which a person, especially a criminal or enemy, takes refuge. <i>He led the police to the criminals lair.</i>
miner	A person who dug tunnels in order to destroy an enemy position with explosives. <i>Anyone can become a bitcoin miner.</i>
saturnine	(of a place or an occasion) gloomy. <i>His saturnine face and dark watchful eyes.</i>

<u>shadow</u>	Envelop in shadow cast a shadow over. <i>The police are shadowing her.</i>
shadowy	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>A long shadowy cobbled passage.</i>
<u>shady</u>	Unscrupulous. <i>He established a dummy company through which he laundered vast sums of cash from shady middlemen and arms dealers.</i>
spelunker	A person who explores caves.
stalactite	A tapering structure hanging like an icicle from the roof of a cave, formed of calcium salts deposited by dripping water.
stalagmite	A cylinder of calcium carbonate projecting upward from the floor of a limestone cave.
<u>subterranean</u>	Being or operating under the surface of the earth. <i>The subterranean world of the behind the scenes television power brokers.</i>
sullen	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A sullen sunless sky.</i>
swarthy	Dark-complexioned. <i>Swarthy men with gleaming teeth.</i>
tenebrous	Dark; shadowy or obscure. <i>A tenebrous cave.</i>
tourist	Travel as a tourist. <i>The pyramids have drawn tourists to Egypt.</i>
<u>ulterior</u>	Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed). <i>Without any purpose immediate or ulterior.</i>
<u>underground</u>	A member of an underground political group or movement. <i>The New York underground art scene.</i>
<u>underneath</u>	So as to be concealed by something else. <i>He was wearing a brown jacket with a white T shirt underneath.</i>

