

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)

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

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

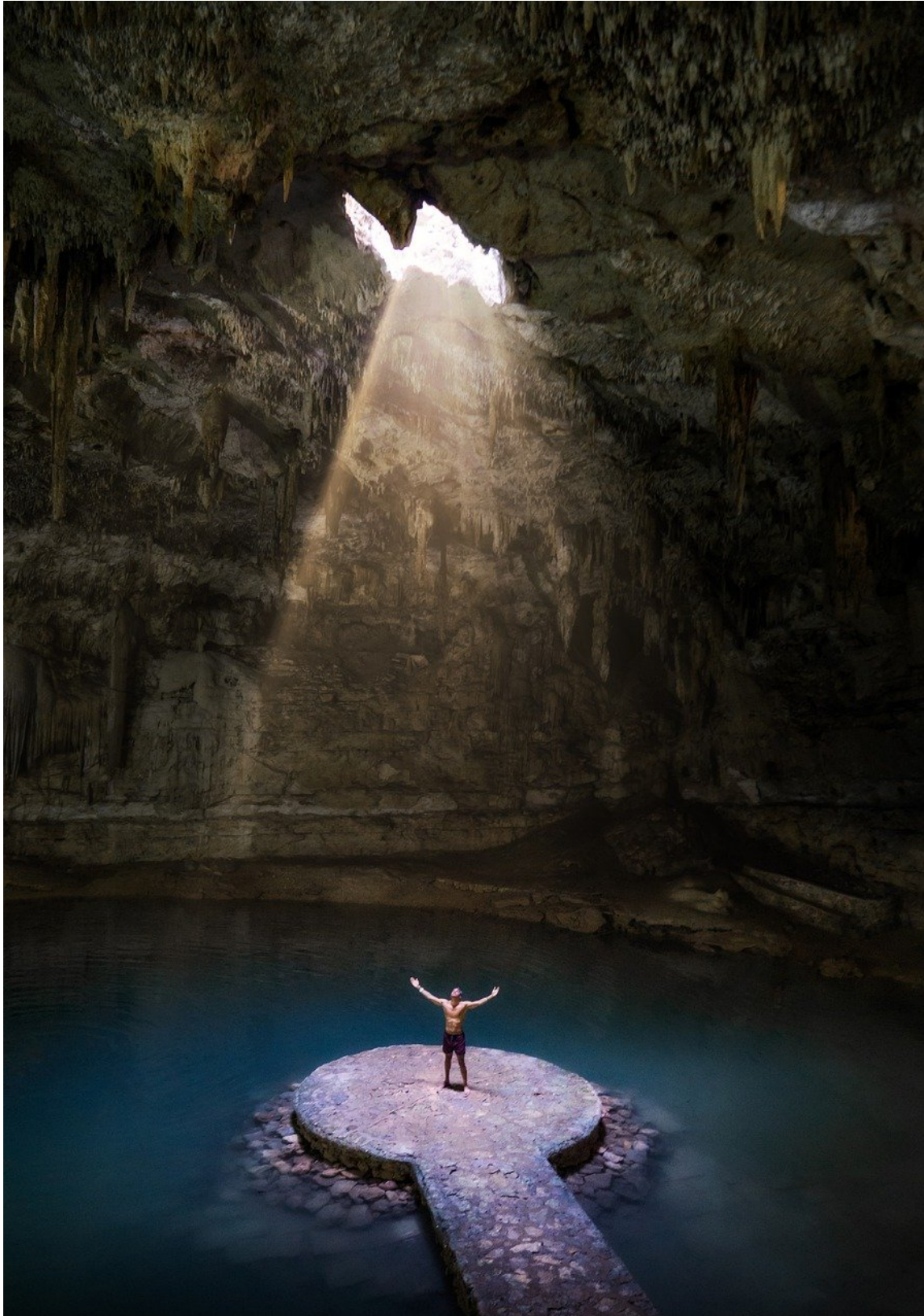




## Usage Examples of "Cave" as a verb

- *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 <b>caches</b>.</i>
calcify	Harden by deposition of or conversion into calcium carbonate or another insoluble calcium compound. <i>Old folks can <b>calcify</b>.</i>
<u>cavern</u>	Hollow out as if making a cavern. <i>His eyes were dark <b>caverns</b>.</i>
coal	Take in coal. <i>A <b>coal</b> fire.</i>
dark	A dark colour or shade especially in a painting. <i>A <b>dark</b> gloomy day.</i>
darkness	An unenlightened state. <i>The powers of <b>darkness</b>.</i>
den	Of a wild animal live in a den. <i>The cubs <b>den</b>ed in the late autumn.</i>
<u>dim</u>	Become dim or lusterless. <i>A <b>dim</b> 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><b>Dusky</b> light came from a small window.</i>
grotto	An indoor structure resembling a cave. <i>Visits to Father Christmas s <b>grotto</b>.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Designed to elude detection. <i>A <b>hidden</b> cave.</i>
impenetrable	Not admitting of penetration or passage into or through. <i><b>Impenetrable</b> 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 <b>lair</b>.</i>
miner	A person who dug tunnels in order to destroy an enemy position with explosives. <i>Anyone can become a bitcoin <b>miner</b>.</i>
saturnine	(of a place or an occasion) gloomy. <i>His <b>saturnine</b> face and dark watchful eyes.</i>

<u>shadow</u>	Envelop in shadow cast a shadow over. <i>The police are <b>shadowing</b> her.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>A long <b>shadowy</b> cobbled passage.</i>
<u>shady</u>	Unscrupulous. <i>He established a dummy company through which he laundered vast sums of cash from <b>shady</b> middlemen and arms dealers.</i>
<b>spelunker</b>	A person who explores caves.
<b>stalactite</b>	A tapering structure hanging like an icicle from the roof of a cave, formed of calcium salts deposited by dripping water.
<b>stalagmite</b>	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 <b>subterranean</b> world of the behind the scenes television power brokers.</i>
<b>sullen</b>	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A <b>sullen</b> sunless sky.</i>
<b>swarthy</b>	Dark-complexioned. <i><b>Swarthy</b> men with gleaming teeth.</i>
<b>tenebrous</b>	Dark; shadowy or obscure. <i>A <b>tenebrous</b> cave.</i>
<b>tourist</b>	Travel as a tourist. <i>The pyramids have drawn <b>tourists</b> 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 <b>ulterior</b>.</i>
<u>underground</u>	A member of an underground political group or movement. <i>The New York <b>underground</b> 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 <b>underneath</b>.</i>



