

# Caves

When it comes to caves, there's so much to explore! These hidden wonders are like natural time capsules of Earth's history. Most formed during the global Flood only thousands of years ago. With their preservation of minerals, rocks, and even fossils, caves provide a record of the past—and illustrate God's creativity in the deepest parts of our world. Did you also know...

- ✓ There are many types of caves, like glacier, sea, and lava. The most common are solution or karst caves, which form through the chemical erosion of rocks.
- ✓ Caves are often habitats for animals like bats, crickets, and fish. The Lord Jesus designed them with special adaptive abilities to live in extreme conditions.
- ✓ Several caves have drawings made by ancient humans. This helps us learn more about people who lived a long time ago.

Speleothems are cave formations made by mineral deposits.  
Match the formations to their names below.

bacon

soda straws

popcorn

columns



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_

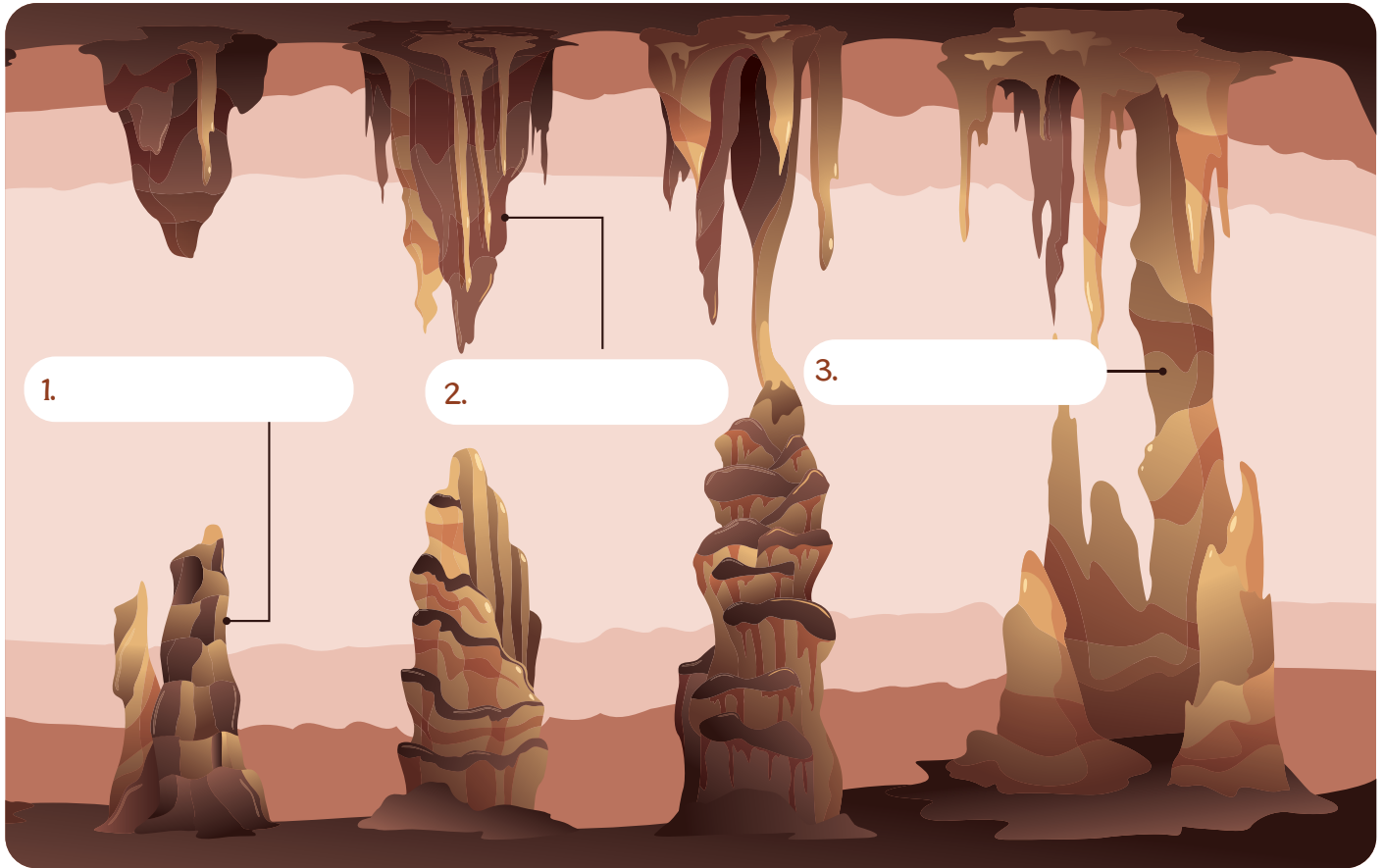


3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

Label the parts of the cave.



You can use the sentence “stalactites hang tightly to the ceiling” to remember the difference between them and stalagmites, which form on the ground.

**Did you know?**

The world’s longest known cave is Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. While geologists have mapped about 426 miles, they’re still discovering new caverns within it.



**Cave Word Search**



- cave
- Flood
- fossil
- geologist
- karst
- mineral
- rock
- solution
- speleothem

Answers to cave features: 1. popcorn, 2. bacon, 3. soda straws, 4. columns  
 Answers to parts of the cave: 1. stalagmite, 2. stalactite, 3. column