

## Story starter! (1 of 2)

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Agony. It filled his mind as the burning pain coursed through his arms. He could feel the burns on his hands; hanging on to the ropes for dear life had rubbed them raw. Gritting his teeth, he continued his descent into the abyss. His every straining muscle screamed in defiance as he lowered himself again and again. Water cascaded all around him, filling his ears with a ferocious churning, as if he were being flushed down the plughole like a spider! He could smell the peaty, earthy freshness of the rocky cavern around him, seemingly becoming narrower and narrower as he went deeper and deeper ...

## Story starter! (2 of 2)

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... He looked down. There was still such a long way to go...

Can you continue this story about the cave? Try to use your senses to describe, as I have in my writing.

How deep is the cave? Is the man on his own or part of a caving team? If there is an accident down there, how will he escape?

You could base your story around the man on the expedition into the cave, or alternatively you could write about a rescue mission to save someone who is trapped in the cave after an accident.

## Question time!

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- ▶ Is it possible to both excited and terrified at the same time? Has this ever happened to you?
- ▶ Look at the picture. Can you see the man's shadow? Is it possible to have a shadow in a cave? If the man wanted to look at himself in a mirror whilst in the cave, would he be able to see his reflection?
- ▶ Is everything in the cave black, or does it have another colour?

## Sentence challenge!

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Climbing and caving are activities that are both scary and fun.

Can you think of synonyms (words with the same or similar meaning) for fun and scary?

Can you think of antonyms (words with opposite meanings) for fun and scary?

Can you use some of the words you have thought of in your writing today?

## Sick sentences!

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These sentences are 'sick' and need your help to get better.

- ▶ The climber held on to the rope.
- ▶ His hands were sore.
- ▶ His muscles ached. It was a long way down.
- ▶ The water was cold.



Perfect picture!

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Can you draw what might be at the bottom of the cave?

