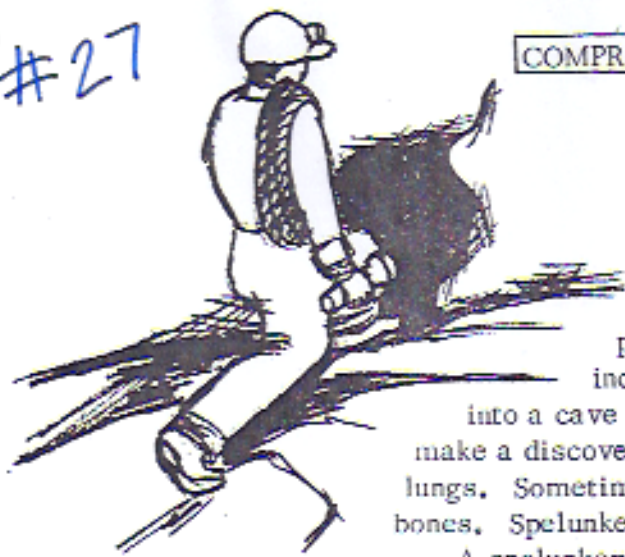


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COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

Would you like to join a spelunking club?

Spelunking comes from a Latin word meaning cave.

A spelunker is someone who explores caves. This person could be a dentist, an engineer, a teacher, or a housewife during the week. But when the weekend comes, a spelunker puts on old clothes and a hard hat. The spelunker's supplies include a long rope and a lamp or flashlight. Then, he crawls

into a cave to look for adventure. He seeks the unknown and hopes to make a discovery. Spelunkers also explore underwater caves with aqua-lungs. Sometimes they search ancient caverns where they find prehistoric bones. Spelunkers also study unusual cave animals found below the ground.

A spelunker always goes with a group. He seldom explores alone. This would be too dangerous. Also, he always carries a second rope in case of emergencies.

It is a rule among spelunkers that no animal life is collected. The cave explorers only study the animals and take pictures. Also, the spelunking clubs never destroy or mar the areas they explore. This is the spelunker's motto:

"Take nothing but pictures.
Leave nothing but footprints."

- This story is about:
 - people
 - explorers
 - spelunking
 - hiking
- When do these people practice their hobby?
 - on their lunch hour
 - during the week
 - at night
 - on weekends
- What does the spelunker hope to do?
 - make a discovery
 - get some publicity
 - mark off the area
 - take home an animal
- What do they find in some old caves?
 - flowers
- Put these in order:
 - A spelunker puts on old clothes.
 - He crawls into a cave.
 - The weekend comes.
 - He takes a rope and flashlight.
- In this story, motto means:
 - a saying
 - flag salute
 - a march
 - music
- The spelunkers treat the places they visit:
 - carelessly
 - as if they were their own
 - with respect
 - as if they were dangerous
- A spelunker would not have to have