

Cave Life and Geology Worksheet

Name _____ Key _____

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Class _____

1. Missouri is known as the cave state.
2. How do caves form?
 - A. Water erosion and wind erosion
 - B. Only water erosion
 - C. Only lava erosion
 - D. Water erosion, wind erosion, and lava erosion
3. Smallin Cave was formed from water erosion.
 - A. True
 - B. False
4. In Missouri, what rock is eroded to form caves?
 - A. Chert
 - B. Marble
 - C. Limestone
 - D. Granite
5. What animals live in Smallin Cave?
 - A. Cave Crayfish, Bats, Cave Crickets, and Salamanders
 - B. Cave Crayfish, and Cave Crickets only
 - C. Bats only
 - D. Foxes and turkeys
6. What is a stalactite?
 - A. A cave formation that grows upward from the ground
 - B. A cave formation that grows down from the cave ceiling
 - C. A cave formation that grows sideways
 - D. A cave formation made of lava

7. Cave water is always safe to drink.

A. True

B. False

8. Cave formations grow _____ every 25-100 years.

A. A cubic inch

B. A cubic foot

C. A cubic meter

D. A cubic mile

9. A Losing stream is a surface stream whose water is diverted underground into the ground water system.

10. Cave animals rely on _____ to keep the cave ecosystem healthy.

A. Each other and aliens

B. Each other and the President

C. Each other and polar bears

D. Each other and humans