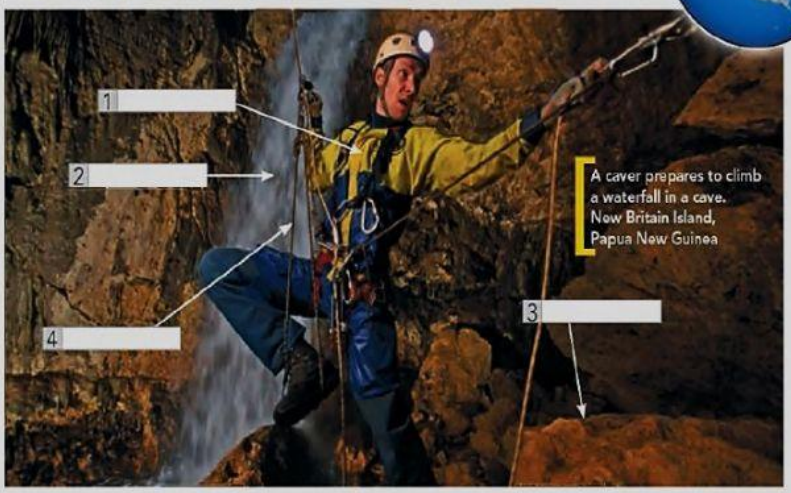
Video

8 Young Adventurers

Before you watch

A Look at the photo and label it with these words.

caver ledge ropes waterfall



A caver prepares to climb a waterfall in a cave. New Britain Island, Papua New Guinea

While you watch

B Watch the video and circle the words you hear.

1 But this is no ordinary / normal camping trip.
2 Using ropes to rappel into the cave is the only real choice / option for going underground.
3 Lights and warm clothes are both necessities / requirements for the cavers.
4 After only a few feet, they're at a very tight spot called 'the chimney'. It's a fall / drop of nine metres.
5 But she says, in the cave, everyone encourages / supports each other.
6 Nature is better / bigger than we are, and it will be here, the caves will be here, even if we aren't.

After you watch

C Complete the summary of the video below using these words.

choice confidence descend exhilarating huge narrow techniques underground

Jessica Fagan has been caving since she was very young. She learnt many of her caving (1) _____ from her father, Joey, an experienced caver. Today, Jessica and her fellow Girl Scout cavers have decided to (2) _____ into a difficult cave in the hills of Virginia.

To get access to the cave, the girls use ropes to gently lower themselves through the cave entrance. Once (3) _____, the girls continue on through the tunnels. Sometimes the only (4) _____ the girls have is to scueeze their way through the (5) _____ passages on their hands and knees. It can be a frightening experience, which is why Jessica feels that (6) _____, not strength, is the main requirement for being a caver. Eventually the girls arrive at a(n) (7) _____ 18-metre waterfall, a(n) (8) _____ sight at the end of their long journey.

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