



## Junior Ranger

Ages 6 and under



# Welcome to Carlsbad Caverns National Park!

Become a junior ranger by completing **6 of the first 12** activities listed below and ***What I Can Do!* (page 10)**. Check the box next to each activity you complete. When you are finished, take it to the information desk to receive a junior ranger badge.

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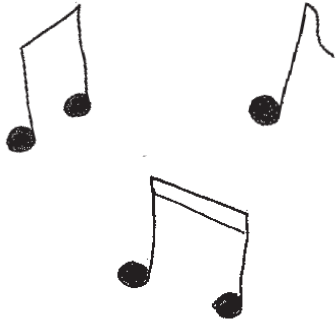


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# Respect and Protect

Rules are important for everyone to follow. To help you remember some of the rules, try singing the song below to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. Can you make your own song to protect the cavern?



Junior ranger save the cave  
Stay on trail and please behave



Do not touch a stalactite  
Do not touch a stalagmite

Junior ranger save the cave  
Stay on trail and please behave



Circle what is out of place in the picture below. Put a star next to the person that is protecting the cavern the best!



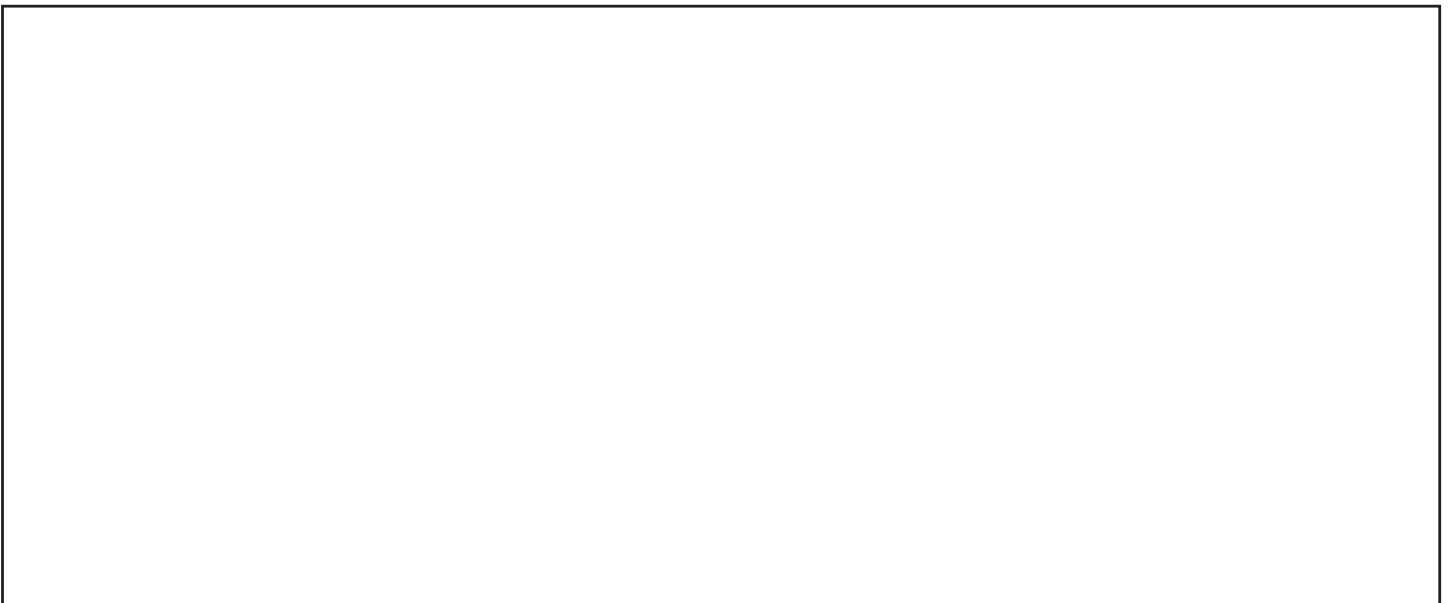
# It Makes Perfect Sense!

Label the boxes below with the name of the senses they represent. Then answer the questions while you are exploring the cavern or the surface.



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1. Draw a picture of something you *see* in the cavern or on the surface.



2. Write something you *smell* in the cavern or on the surface.

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3. Write something you *hear* in the cavern or on the surface.

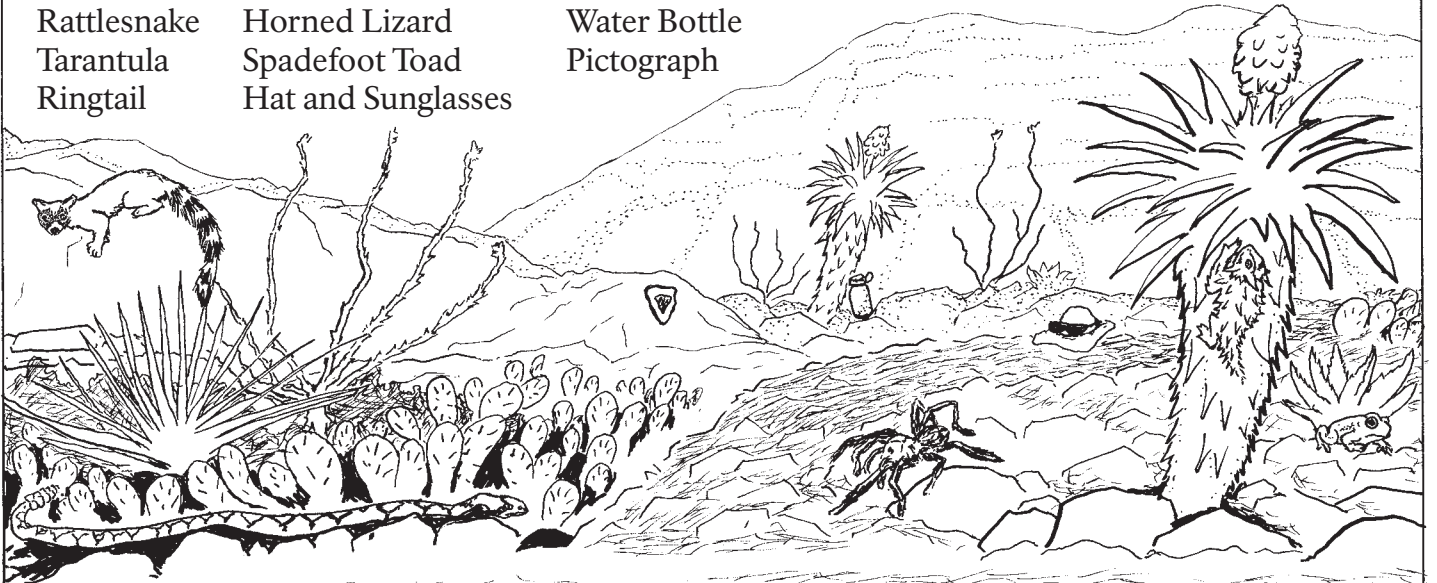
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# Hide and Seek

Carlsbad Caverns National Park is famous for both the world underground and above. Many plants and animals can be found hiding within this world. Humans also need a lot of objects to hike and explore the desert and cavern safely. See how many of the hidden shapes you can find from the list in the drawing below.

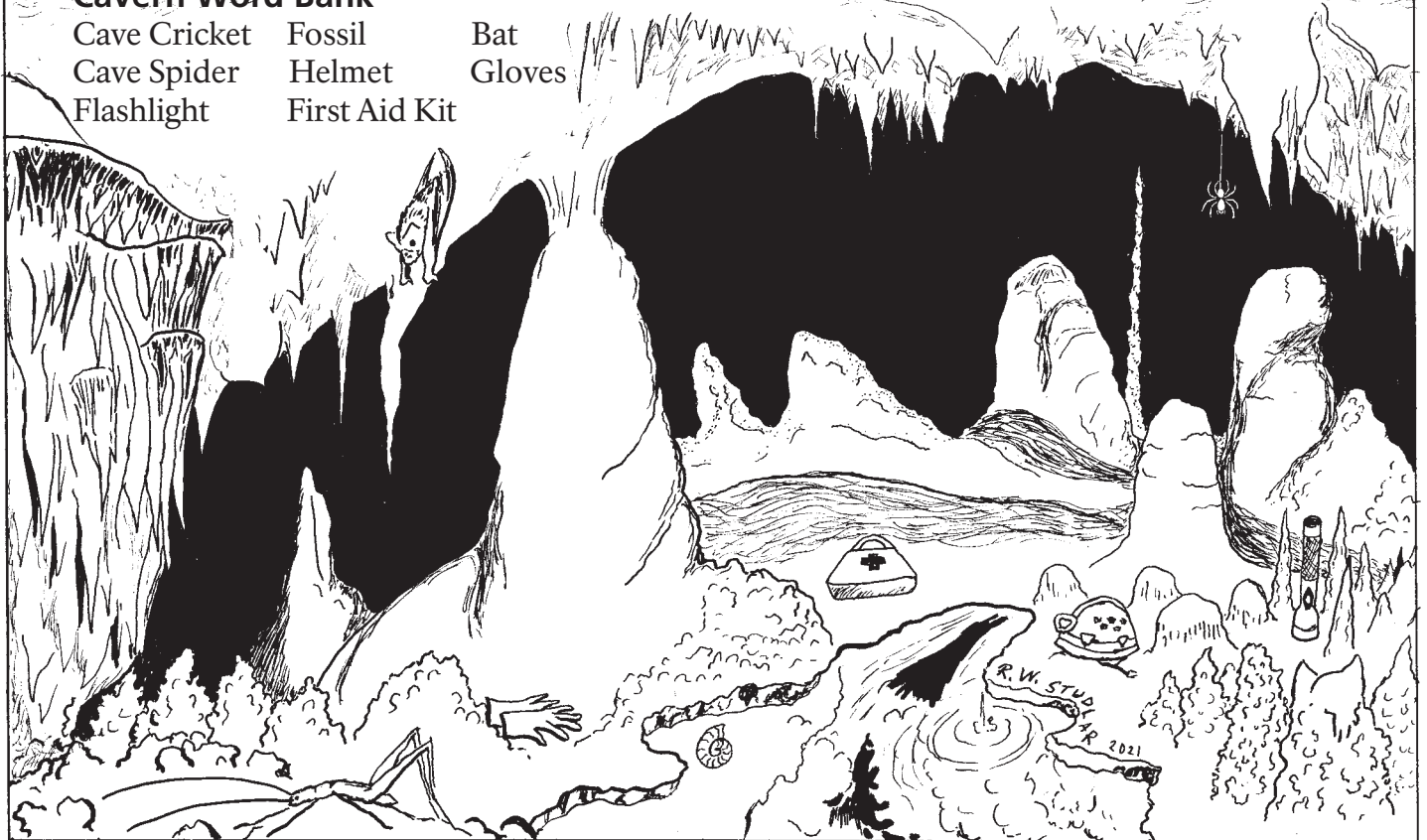
## Surface Word Bank

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| Rattlesnake | Horned Lizard      | Water Bottle |
| Tarantula   | Spadefoot Toad     | Pictograph   |
| Ringtail    | Hat and Sunglasses |              |



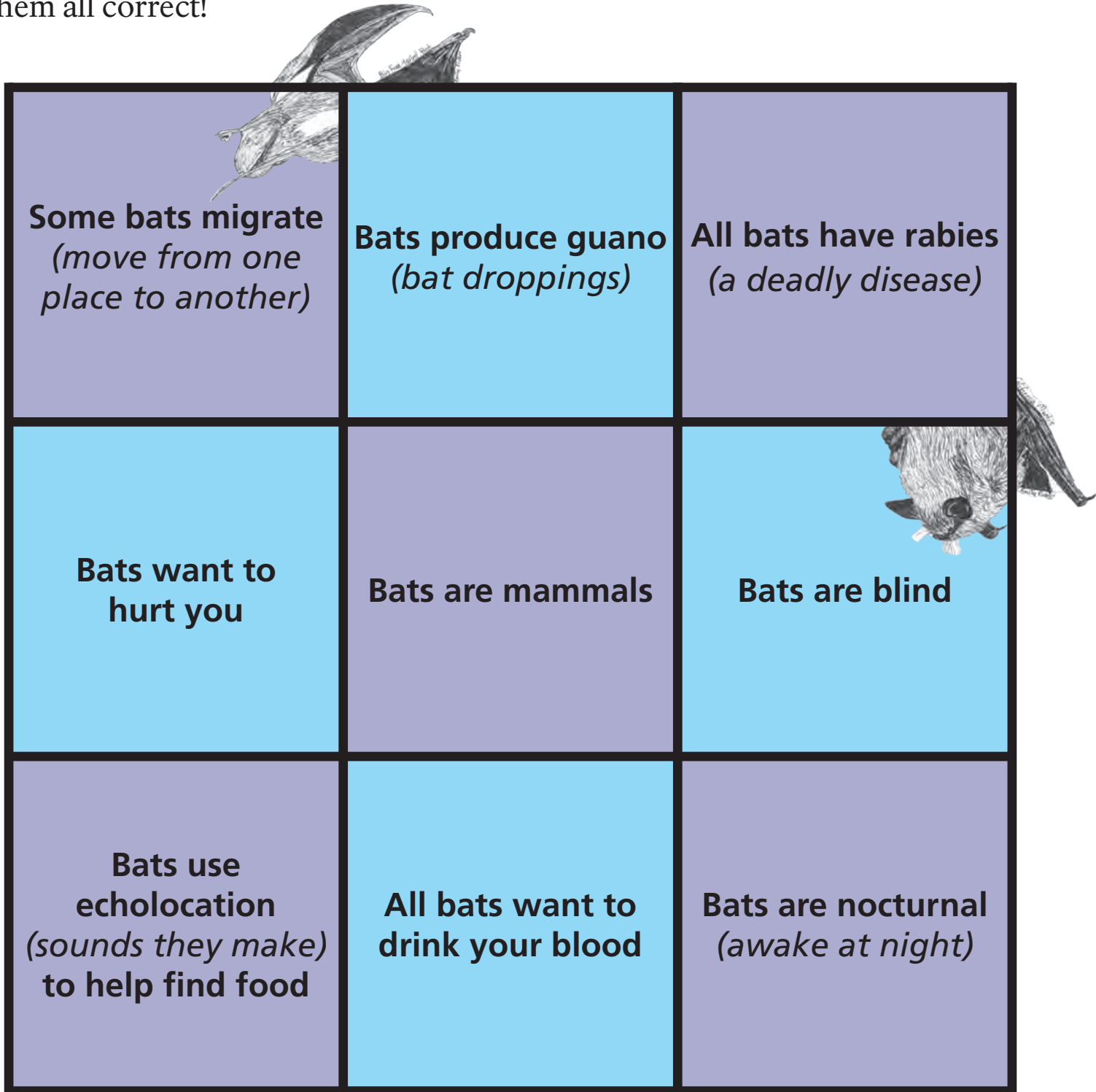
## Cavern Word Bank

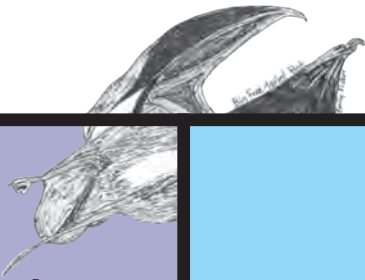
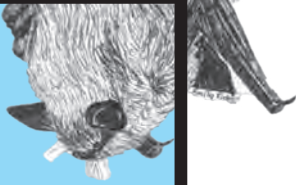
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| Cave Cricket | Fossil        | Bat    |
| Cave Spider  | Helmet        | Gloves |
| Flashlight   | First Aid Kit |        |



# Batty Tic-Tac-Toe

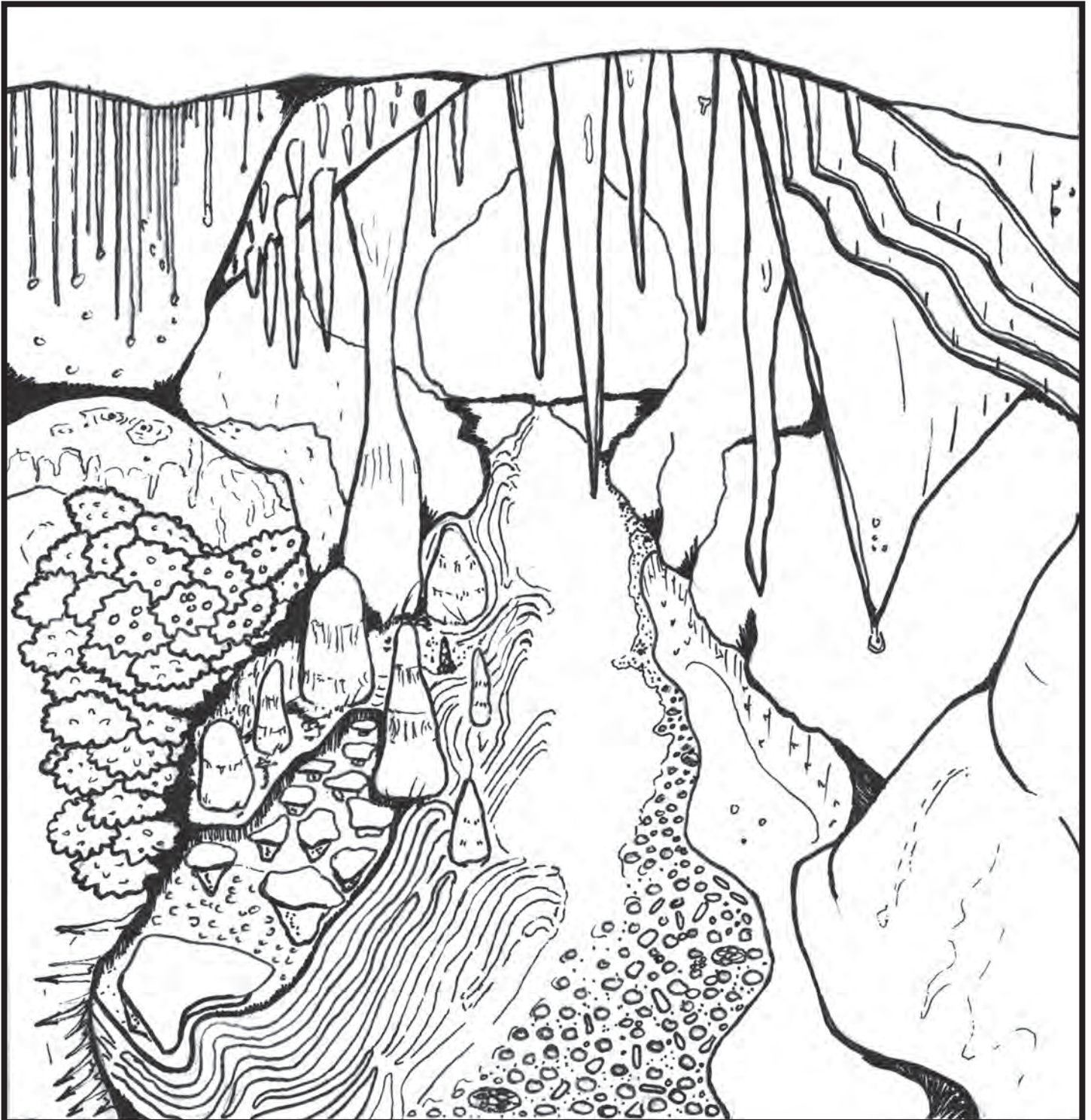
How much do you know about bats? If the statement is true, make an O in the box. If the statement is false, make an X. You'll get a tic-tac-toe if you get them all correct!



 <p><b>Some bats migrate</b> <i>(move from one place to another)</i></p>	<p><b>Bats produce guano</b> <i>(bat droppings)</i></p>	<p><b>All bats have rabies</b> <i>(a deadly disease)</i></p>
<p><b>Bats want to hurt you</b></p>	<p><b>Bats are mammals</b></p>	 <p><b>Bats are blind</b></p>
<p><b>Bats use echolocation</b> <i>(sounds they make) to help find food</i></p>	<p><b>All bats want to drink your blood</b></p>	<p><b>Bats are nocturnal</b> <i>(awake at night)</i></p>

# Cavern Colors

Stalactites, stalagmites, columns, draperies, soda straws, cave popcorn, and more can be found in Carlsbad Cavern. Ask an adult or a ranger for help finding some of these when you walk through the cavern yourself. Color the cavern scene below.



# Rose's Journey

Junior Ranger Rose visited Carlsbad Caverns National Park yesterday. Read about her adventure and answer as many questions as you can to learn even more about what she saw and did on her trip!

1. Rose first went into the cavern and saw lots of pretty rocks! If Rose saw 4 rocks on her left and 3 rocks on her right, how many rocks did Rose see?
2. Then Rose went on a special tour with Ranger Leah to see how dark the cave could be. She learned a lot. Leah even turned the lights out! If Leah had 7 matches and used 3 matches to show Rose the cave, how many matches does Leah have left?
3. Rose then walked around the desert and saw some really cool plants! If Rose saw 2 plants at the beginning and 6 plants near the end, how many plants did she see?
4. As Rose and her family were finishing their walk, they even saw some animals! If they saw 3 deer and 1 fox, how many animals did Rose see?
5. In the evening, Rose went to a Bat Flight Program and saw some bats eating their favorite food! The bats really like eating moths. If Rose saw one bat eating 4 moths, and another bat eating 2 moths, how many moths did Rose see the bats eat?
6. Finally, Rose stayed up super late and looked at the sky at night. It was really dark and she saw a lot of stars! If she saw 5 stars before taking a nap, then saw 15 more when she woke up again, how many stars did Rose see?



# Life Finds a Way!

Carlsbad Caverns National Park is home to many different types of plants. Ask a ranger where to find some of the plants in the Chihuahuan Desert! Match each plant below to its correct description.



Green Leaves

Red Berries

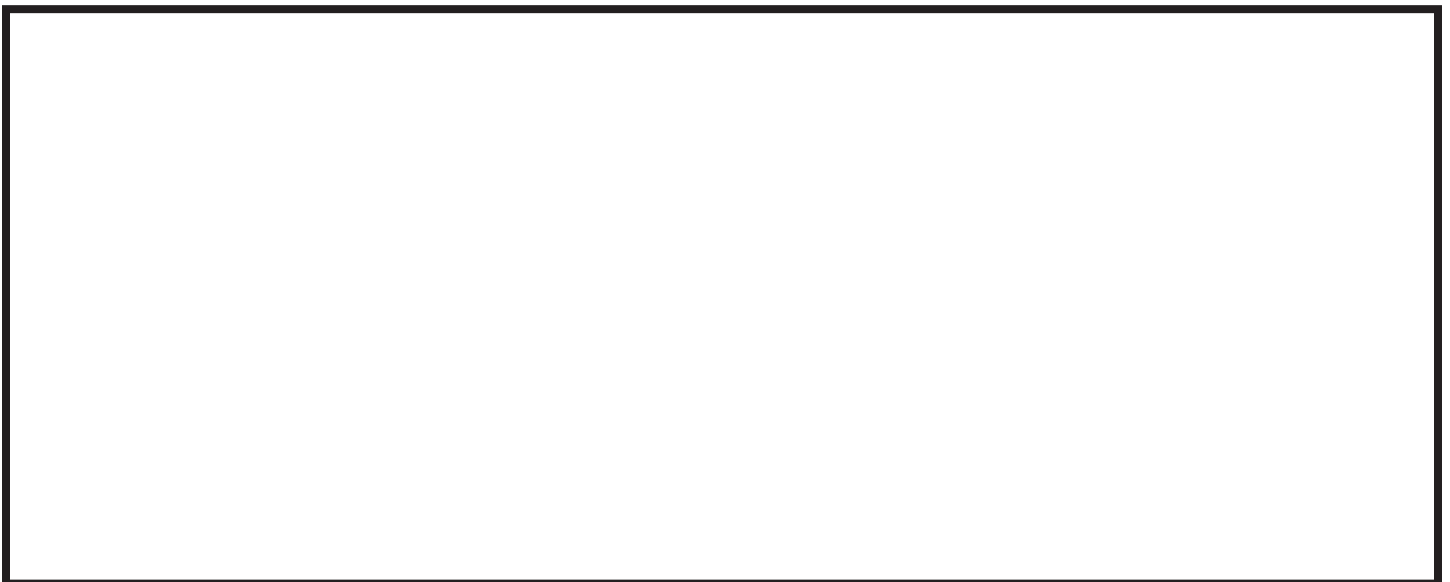


Pink and White Flowers

Black Thorns



Draw your own desert plant in the space below. Try to include at least one flower and at least five thorns!



# Wobbly Words

Junior Ranger Rose has learned a lot visiting the park and is ready to earn her junior ranger badge. But all the words she wrote down became jumbled! Help Rose remember the important words of Carlsbad Caverns National Park by unscrambling the letters to reveal the word. Use the pictures as a hint if you need help!



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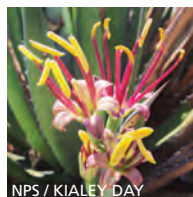
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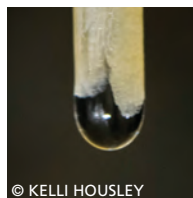
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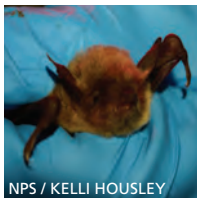
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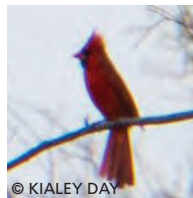
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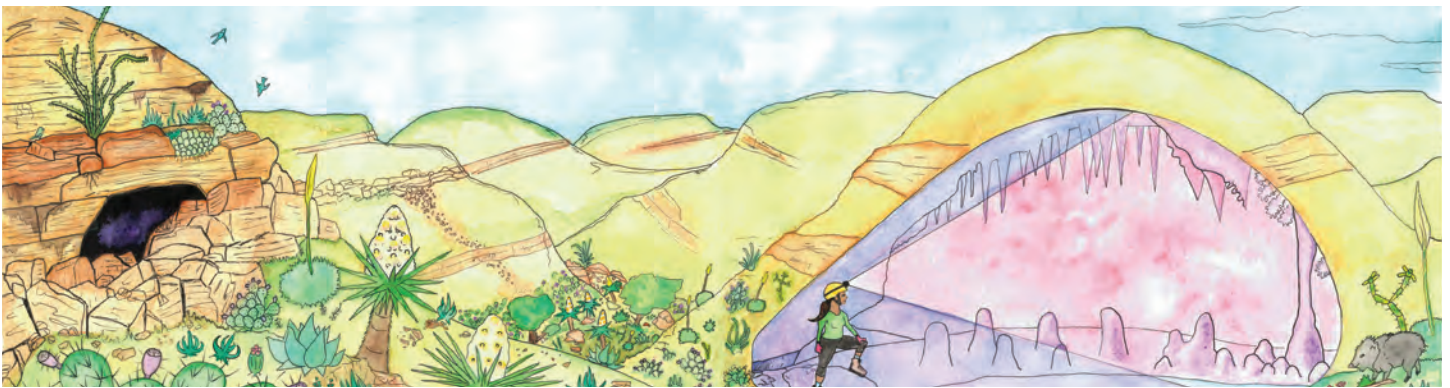
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# What I Can Do!

The junior ranger motto is “Explore, Learn, and Protect.” Draw a picture of a plant or animal that you can help protect when you get home.



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## Junior Ranger Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am proud to be a National Park Service Junior Ranger. I promise to explore, learn about, and protect my national parks and the natural world around me. I will share my knowledge of these special places with my friends and family.

# Certificate of Achievement

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\_\_\_\_\_ has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the Junior Ranger Program and is hereby proclaimed an official

**Carlsbad Caverns National Park**

**Junior Ranger**



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Park Ranger

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