

Westcave Story: ANSWER KEY



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2. A type of limestone Deposited by mineral springs that has other organisms, like plants, growing on the surface.

3. A large round growth found on Trees that serves as a home to the larva of a tiny wasp. This wasp stung the tree to insert its larva.

4. An area of land managed to protect its flora, fauna, and natural resources.

5. An organism of algae/cyanobacteria and fungi living in a symbiotic relationship that can be found growing on our trees.

6. The tallest tree in the canyon, it is deciduous, meaning it loses its needle-like leaves every fall.

8. A native epiphyte, a plant that lives in air, surviving by resting on tree branches and absorbing water and nutrients from the atmosphere.

9. A non-flowering plant found in the canyon that requires a moist habitat.

12. A dry area/desert adapted plant with fleshy stems and a waxy coating that prevents water loss. Most have spines.

13. Indigenous people used this sedimentary rock to make fire And arrowheads.

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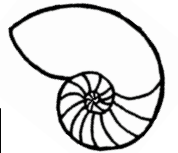
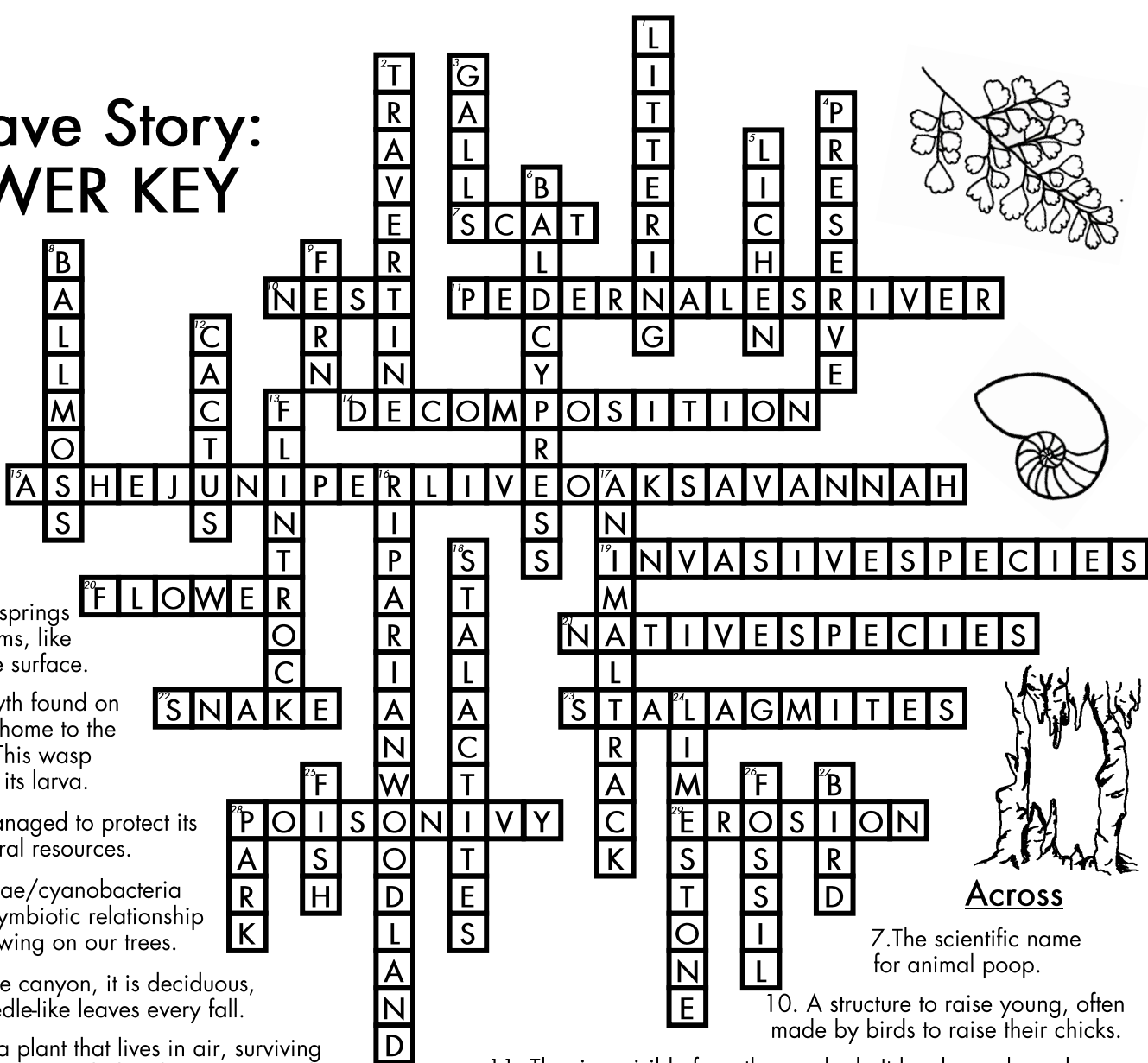
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25. A vertebrate (organisms with a spine) that swims in the water. They breathe using special organs called gills.

26. Any evidence of past life preserved in a petried form.

27. A warm-blooded (typically) flying animal that lays eggs and has a spine, a beak, feathers, and wings.

28. A recreational area of land for people to explore and get outside to experience nature.



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7. The scientific name for animal poop.

10. A structure to raise young, often made by birds to raise their chicks.

11. The river visible from the overlook. It has been shaped over the last 250,000 years by the power of water and flooding.

14. The breaking down of plants, animals, and other organic substances into small pieces of organic matter.

15. The first habitat we walked through at Westcave that was a grassland with two main types of trees.

19. A living organism that is not native to an ecosystem, causing harm to the environment and its inhabitants.

20. A showy part of a plant that attracts animals to pollinate it, producing seeds.

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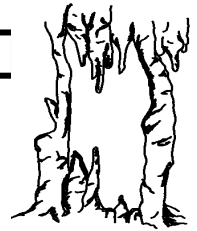
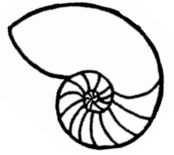


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