

The Cave – Page 2: Questions

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In your opinion, what was she trying to understand?
Give a reason for your answer.

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Why was there no escape to the left of the cave entrance?
*There was a rock ledge but it vanished/petered out after a short distance.
Also, it was too narrow to walk on.*
- 2) What caused the dark stains on the cliff face to Mary's right? (1 mark)
Water
- 3) **Find and copy one** word which tells you that the bushes on the cliff face had not grown as tall as they normally would. (1 mark)
Stunted
- 4) When Mary looked up the cliff, she saw **a line where hard grey gave way to soft green**. What does this mean? (1 mark)
At the top of the rocky grey cliff there are green plants or grass.
- 5) Mary popped her head back into the cave and **sat down to think**. (2 marks)
In your opinion, what was she trying to understand?
Give a reason for your answer.
*She is trying to think of a way out/how she got there.
I think this because she has already looked to the left, to the right and up and down and cannot see any way in or out at the mouth of the cave.*
- 6) When Mary figured out the **obvious answer** to her puzzle, she immediately set off back into the cave. (2 marks)
Why did she set off back into the cave? Explain your reasoning.
She set off back into the cave to find the way out. If there was no way in/out through the mouth of the cave, then she realised that she must have got there through the back of the cave.
- 7) Read paragraph 5. Why had the light **dwindled to the size of a peanut**? (1 mark)
She had moved away from it into the back of the cave, and so it looks smaller.