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n.

A mineral deposit, such as a stalagmite or stalactite, formed in a cave from the dripping of mineral-rich water.

[Latin *spēlaeum*, *spēlēum*, cave (from Greek *spēlaion*) + Greek *thema*, thing put down, deposit (from *tithenai*, to put; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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