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cave  (kāv)

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n.

1. A hollow or natural passage under or into the earth, especially one with an opening to the surface.
2. A storage cellar, especially for wine.

v. **caved, cav·ing, caves**

v.tr.

1. To dig or hollow out.
2. To cause to collapse or fall in. Often used with *in*: *The impact caved in the roof of the car.*

v.intr.

1. To fall in; collapse. Often used with *in*: *The walls caved in during the earthquake.*
2. To give up all opposition; yield. Often used with *in*: *The school committee caved in to the demands of parents.*
3. To explore caves.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *cava*, from neuter pl. of *cavus*, hollow; see **keuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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