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## The Magical World of Caves and Karst Landscapes

### Short Answer

1. Describe the process by which rainwater forms weakly acidic groundwater and contributes to cave formation.
2. Explain how stalactites and stalagmites form within caves and what factors influence their appearance.
3. What are sinkholes, and what causes them to occur in karst landscapes?
4. Why is it important to explore caves and karst landscapes responsibly, considering their fragile ecosystems?
5. Discuss one unique characteristic of a cave ecosystem and the adaptations of organisms that live in caves.

