

Progress Monitoring Probe 3
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A Tour of Jewel Cave

“Ready to explore?” asked Maria’s father. Maria, her dad,	9
and her five-year-old brother Carlo had just arrived at Jewel	21
Cave National Monument. This was the kind of outing Maria’s	31
father loved. “You’re going to see some amazing formations,” he	41
said enthusiastically. On the way to the cave, Maria’s dad had	52
explained how crystals could be seen hanging from the cave’s	62
ceilings. “That’s why they call it Jewel Cave,” he explained.	72
At the cave’s entrance, they each got a lantern to light their	84
way. Maria felt her heart pounding as an elevator took them	95
down into the cave’s depths. When the doors opened, she felt a	107
blast of cold air.	111
“It’s about forty-nine degrees in here year round,” said the	122
tour guide. Maria was glad she was wearing suitable clothing.	132
She had chosen rubber-soled boots, long pants, and a jacket.	143
Leading the way, the guide advised everyone to be careful,	153
since parts of the winding path were slippery. Then the group	164
walked down some steep, wooden steps into a large room where	175
the crystals made strange, waxy formations. Maria loved the way	185
the light sparkled off them.	190
It was about that time that Carlo began to complain.	200
“I want to leave, because I’m cold and Jewel Cave is	211
boring,” he whined.	214
Suddenly, there was a rush of wind accompanied by a high-	225
pitched noise. Some of the lanterns blew out as dark shapes flew	237
toward the group. Carlo grabbed Maria’s hand, closed his eyes,	247
and ducked his head.	251
“Don’t worry,” laughed their dad. “It’s just the bats.”	260
“They like it here, too,” said the tour guide. The bats passed	272
overhead, flying into another room.	277
“Now are you bored?” asked Maria.	283

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“Don’t you dare tease me,” said Carlo, pulling her forward to	294
see what was up ahead.	299
When they got back home, Carlo told everyone how much he	310
enjoyed exploring the cave. He was already planning the things	320
he would see and do the next time they went to visit Jewel Cave.	334

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Retell:

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Comprehension Questions

- Q1: Using details from the passage, describe the inside of the cave.
A1: *Dark; cold; slippery; winding path; crystals hanging from ceiling (stalactites); bats*
- Q2: In the story it says that Maria was wearing **suitable** clothing. What does **suitable** mean?
A2: *Appropriate (Note to teachers: If student gives example, redirect for definition)*
- Q3: Why did some of the lanterns blow out?
A3: *Rush of wind (Actually caused by bats, but okay if wind is given)*
- Q4: Why is this the kind of outing Maria’s father loved? (first paragraph)
A4: *Answers will vary.*
- Q5: In the beginning, Carlo did not want to go cave exploring. In the end he was happy he went. Describe a time that at first you did not like something and then liked it.
A5: *Answers will vary.*