

Welcome to *Escape from Plato's Cave*. Two boxes are needed to play the actual escape room. I made a photo/video representation to give an impression of the project itself. But I recommend playing the actual escape room for the best experience! Have fun!

!!! CONTAINS SPOILERS !!!



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video





ENVELOPE 01

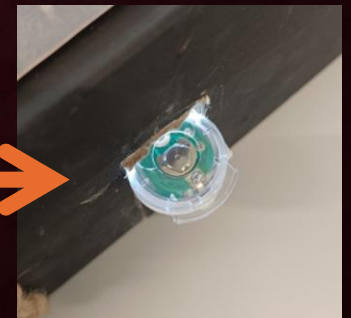
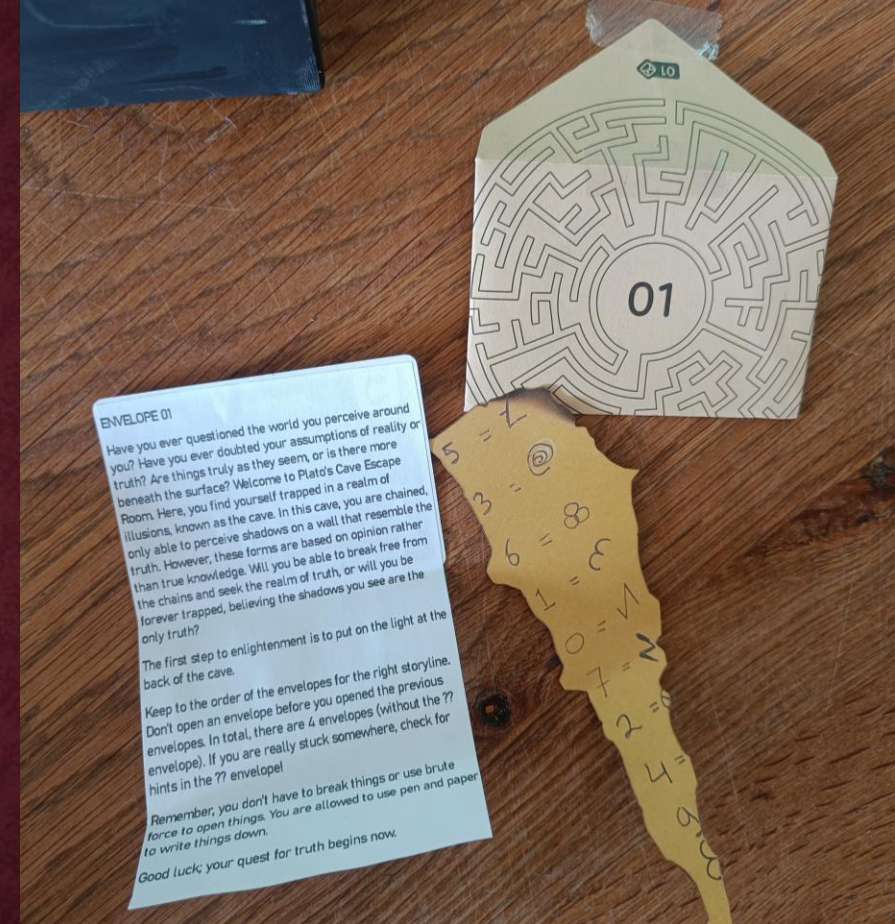
Have you ever questioned the world you perceive around you? Have you ever doubted your assumptions of reality or truth? Are things truly as they seem, or is there more beneath the surface? Welcome to Plato's Cave Escape Room. Here, you find yourself trapped in a realm of illusions, known as the cave. In this cave, you are chained, only able to perceive shadows on a wall that resemble the truth. However, these forms are based on opinion rather than true knowledge. Will you be able to break free from the chains and seek the realm of truth, or will you be forever trapped, believing the shadows you see are the only truth?

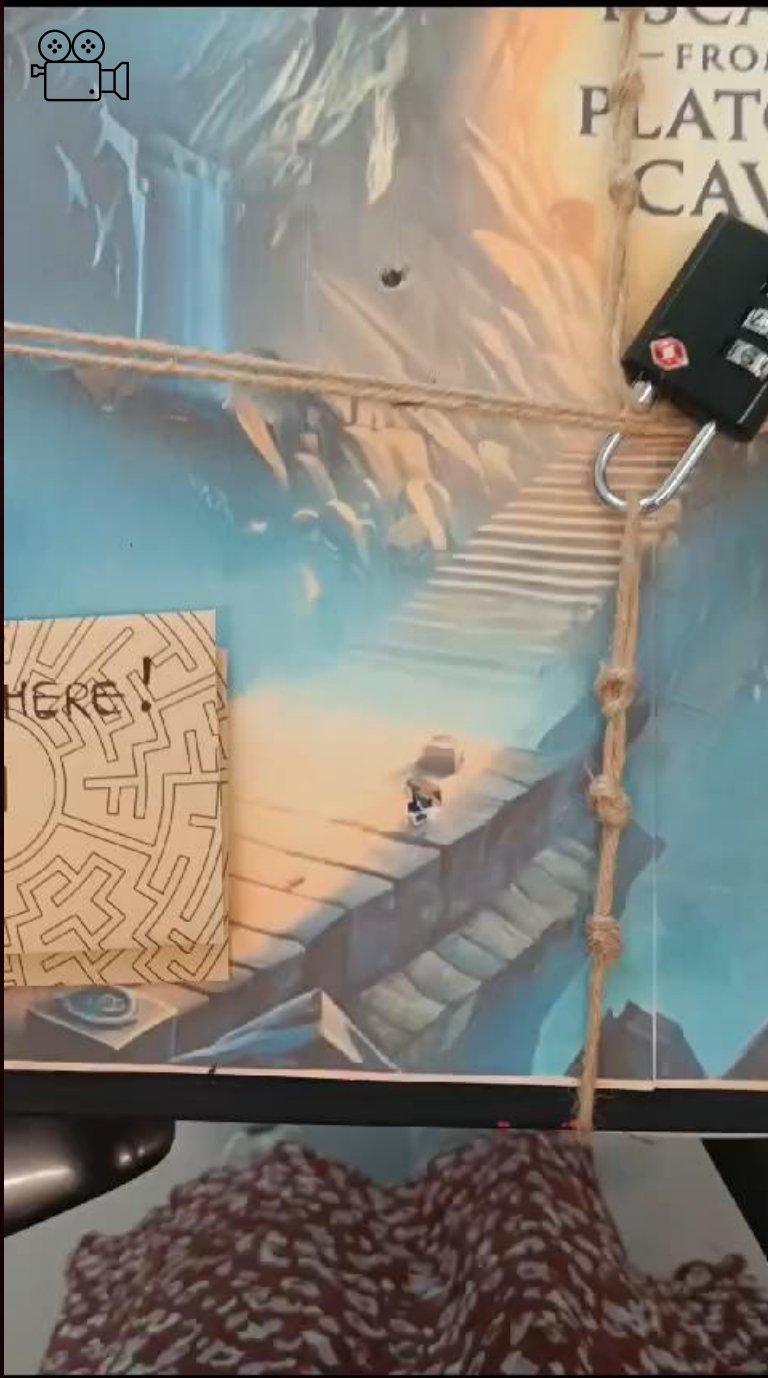
The first step to enlightenment is to put on the light at the back of the cave.

Keep to the order of the envelopes for the right storyline. Don't open an envelope before you opened the previous envelopes. In total, there are 4 envelopes (without the ?? envelope). If you are really stuck somewhere, check for hints in the ?? envelope!

Remember, you don't have to break things or use brute force to open things. You are allowed to use pen and paper to write things down.

Good luck; your quest for truth begins now.



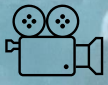


<- look inside the cave

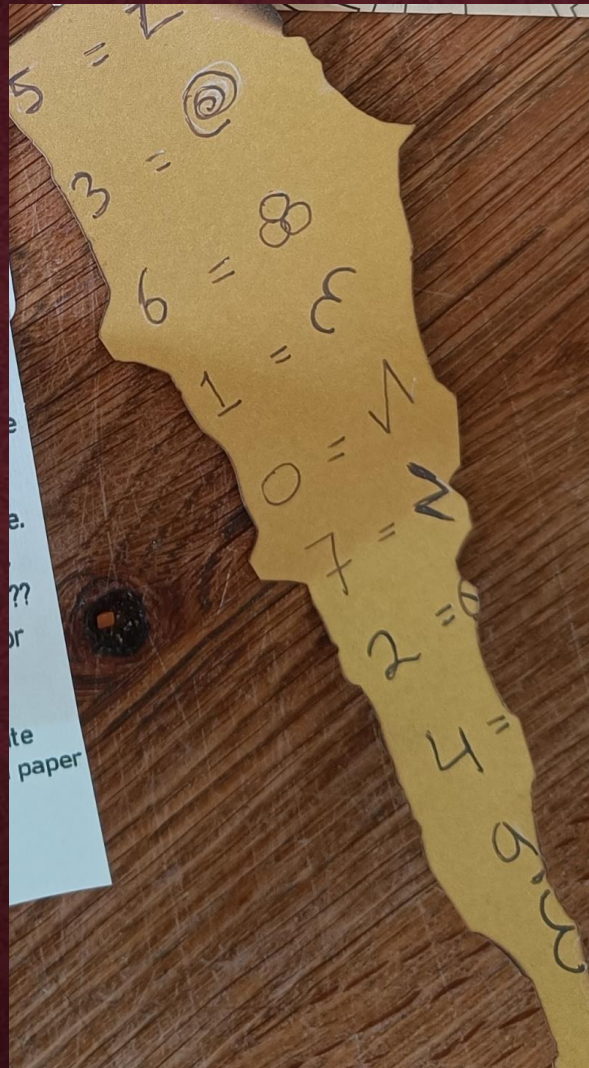


And move the shadows on
the wall ->





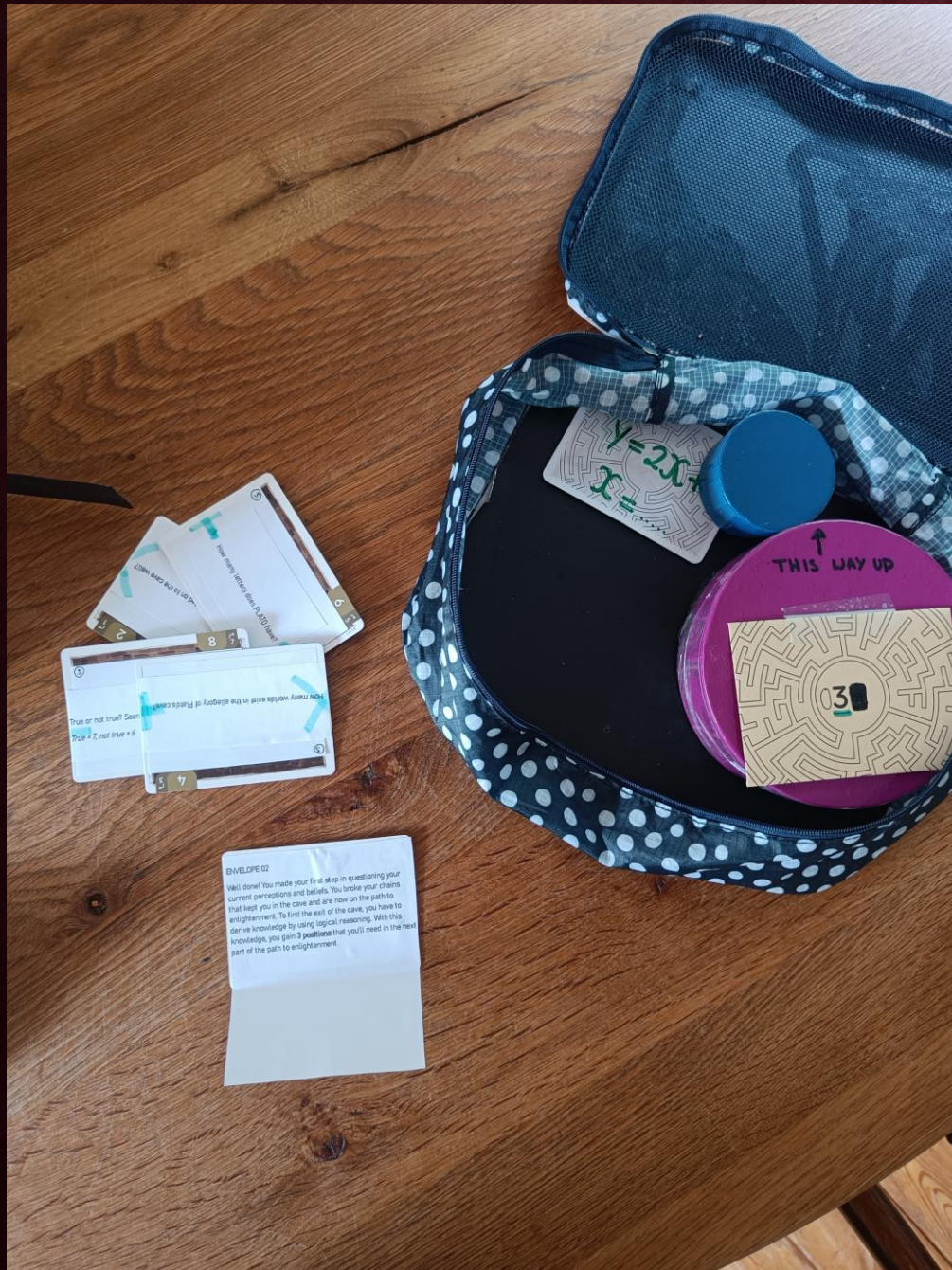
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PLATO'S
CAVE



Look inside to find the missing artefact for the encoder. This code will open your “chains”.

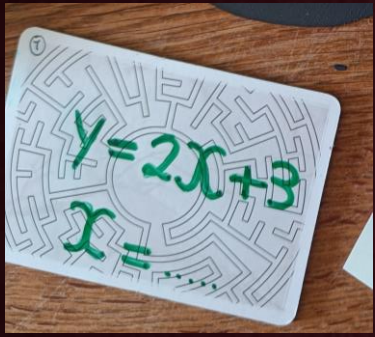






ENVELOPE 02

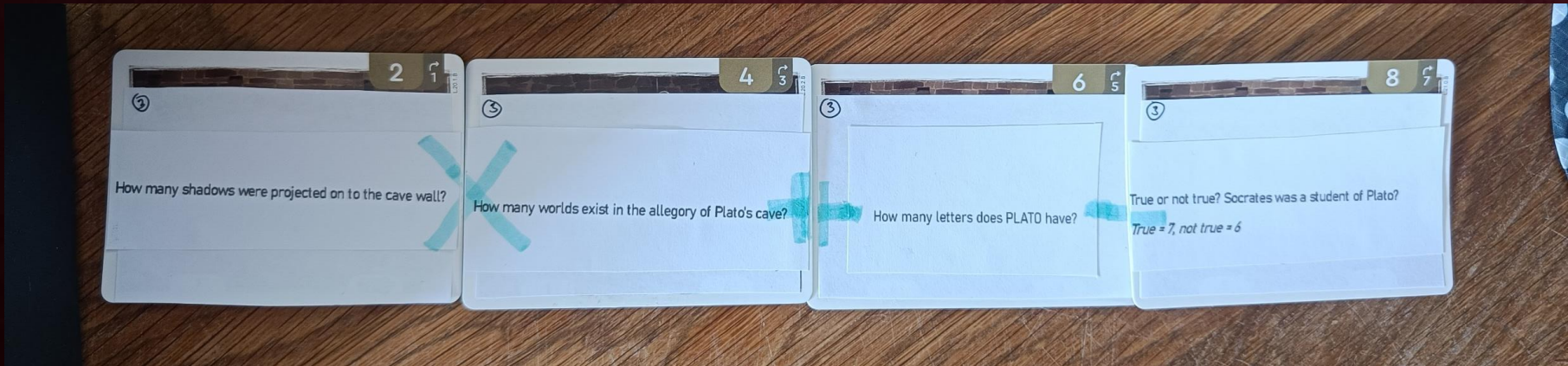
Well done! You made your first step in questioning your current perceptions and beliefs. You broke your chains that kept you in the cave and are now on the path to enlightenment. To find the exit of the cave, you have to derive knowledge by using logical reasoning. With this knowledge, you gain **3 positions** that you'll need in the next part of the path to enlightenment.



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ENVELOPE 03

You have found the exit of the cave! The light of the sun blinds you because you have been in the cave the whole time and you cannot see straight at first. That is why you first have to feel the world around you before you can see what is true, and what not. During your search for the exit of the cave, you gained positions to tell you where to feel inside the box also known as your first steps in the outside world. This will guide you to reveal the illusions from the truth.



When you feel inside the box at positions 1 3 and 5 (of the 5 positions in total), you will feel a 5, a 6 and a 2.

This is the final code to open the cave.



Inside of the cave! ->

You can now see how the shadows are projected as illusions



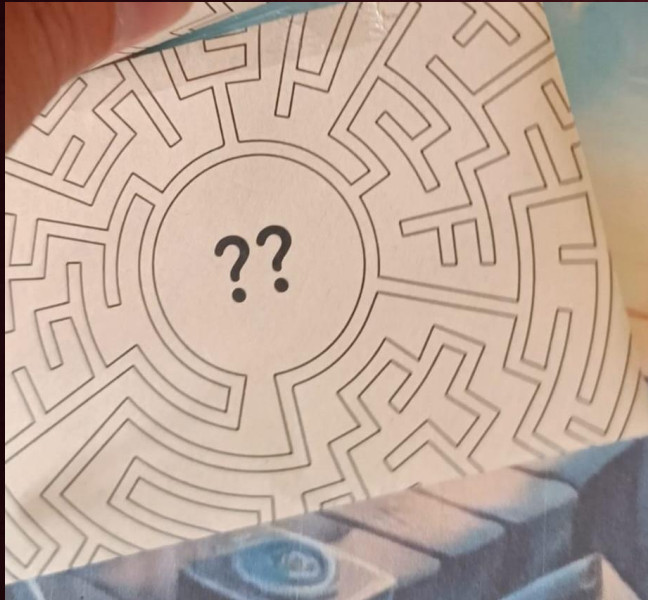
ENVELOPE 04

Congratulations! With your current knowledge, you know see the truth and can distinguish the real world from the one inside the cave. The forms you once believed to be true within the cave were merely representations and interpretations, not the truth. You have broken free from the chains, found cave's exit, and discovered the path to enlightenment. Now, you can clearly perceive the outside world, separating truth from illusion. You have escaped Plato's cave! Your quest for truth is complete. Well done!

The "outside world" ->



HINTS & ANSWERS



ANSWERS

- ① shadows on the wall = 749
- ② positions purple box = 135
- ③ open cave = 562

HINT 01

Look inside the cave to connect the shadows on the wall to the numbers matched to the symbols. You are still inside the cave, maybe there is something else there. The code that you'll gain will open your chains.

HINT 02

Look inside the small box. You will need something inside of it. You are still inside the cave. There may be some other things you need in there. Look for it.

HINT 03

The numbers that you encoded are corresponding to the positions of the numbers inside of the purple box. There are 5 numbers in total. The first number is a 5.



THANK YOU!

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