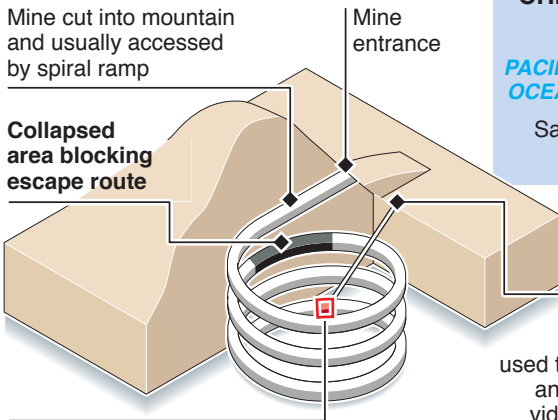


# Chile miners still alive but stuck for months

For 33 men found alive after 17 days trapped deep inside a copper and gold mine, the toughest challenge now may be preserving their sanity during the months it may take to carve a tunnel big enough to get them out

Mine cut into mountain and usually accessed by spiral ramp

**Collapsed area blocking escape route**



**Miners sheltering in makeshift refuge on lower level, about 700m below ground**



Narrow drill shaft has reached miners. Will be used to send capsules of food and water, plus sound and video equipment so miners can communicate with rescuers and loved ones