DEEP DARK: A BEDTIME TALE
Educator's materials

# 4,500 feet of heavy water

Hatch is 6 inches long and 2 inches wide
6" x 2" = 12 sq inches
12 sq inches = 0.083 sq feet
0.083 sq feet x 4,500 feet depth = 374 cu feet

A small moving van,
7 feet tall
9 feet long
6 feet wide
holds 378 cu feet (about the same)

374 cu feet of water weighs over 23,000 pounds

Life in the deep sea is tough. Even a little fish like Hatch has over 23,000 pounds of water pressing down on him all the time. That's over 10 tons.

This also helps appreciate why deep sea creatures are always looking up. There is always a truckload of water directly overhead, with potential food that might be anywhere in the mile above them.

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