

Vocabulary List 1

Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park
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Many of these words have multiple meanings, so the definitions below explain how the words are used in the context of this book.

Acrid

adj. - Having a strong and sharp smell or taste.

Acrophobia

n. - Being very afraid of heights.

Alpine

adj. - A high mountain environment.

Altercation

n. - A loud argument or fight.

Askance

adv. - Looking with suspicion or doubt.

Authentic

adj. - Real and true, not fake.

Bewildered

adj. - Very confused and unsure what to do.

Bough

n. - One of the big branches on a tree.



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Buttress

n. - A strong support, like a wall. A rock outcropping that appears to hold up other rock.

Cipher

n. - A secret way of writing. A code.

Contour

n. - A line on a map that connects points of the same height.

Contour Map

n. - A map showing lines of equal height.

Copse

n. - A small group of trees or bushes.

Crevice

n. - A narrow crack or opening.

Diesel

n. - A type of fuel used in some engines that combusts with heat and pressure.

Dormer

n. - A small window that sticks out from a roof.

Emboss

v. - To make a design stand out from a paper or metal surface.

Endeavor

v. - To desire or try really hard to do something.

Gnarled

adj. - Old and twisted.

Grouse

n. - A kind of bird that people hunt.

Hitch

n. - A metal device secured to a vehicle and used to attach and tow a trailer or camper.

Integrity

n. - Being honest and committed to your values.

Itinerary

n. - A written plan for a trip.

Kerosene

n. - An oily type of fuel people use in lamps and heaters.

Latitude

n. - An imaginary line that runs east-west around the Earth.

Lichen

n. - A plant that grows on rocks and trees.

Longitude

n. - An imaginary line that runs north-south around the Earth.

Marmot

n. - A groundhog-type animal that lives in holes in the ground high in the mountains.

Meander

v. - To move in a curvy path.

Outcrop

n. - The part of a rock that sticks out above the ground.

Pinnacle

n. - The very top of something, like a mountain.

Providence

n. - God's guidance of life and the universe.

Quaver

v. - To make shaky sounds.

Seething

adj. - Feeling really upset and angry.

Silhouette

n. - A dark shape of an object against light.

Solemn

adj. - Very serious and thoughtful.

Spry

adj. - Able to move quickly and energetically.

Steward

n. - Someone who takes care of things for others.

Surmise

v. - To guess based on clues.

Threshold

n. - The point where something new starts. Often this is a doorway.

Traipse

v. - To walk around casually.

Transmission

n. - A message, usually sent over wires or a wireless network.

Tundra

n. - A cold biome high in mountainous areas where tree growth is hindered.

Vigilance

n. - Being watchful and alert.

Note: In the spirit of my wonderful English teacher, Mrs. Barber, I've tried my best to keep the definitions in this list as succinct as possible.

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