

Vocabulary List 3

Adventure in Grand Canyon

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.

Abraded

v. - Scraped, worn down, roughened by friction.

Accelerant

n. - A substance, often a liquid, used to start and accelerate the size of a fire.

Adrenaline

n. - A hormone created in the body, often under stress, that increases heart rate and breathing, preparing the body for action.

Agate

n. - A type of stone, mostly quartz, containing bands of color.

Agape

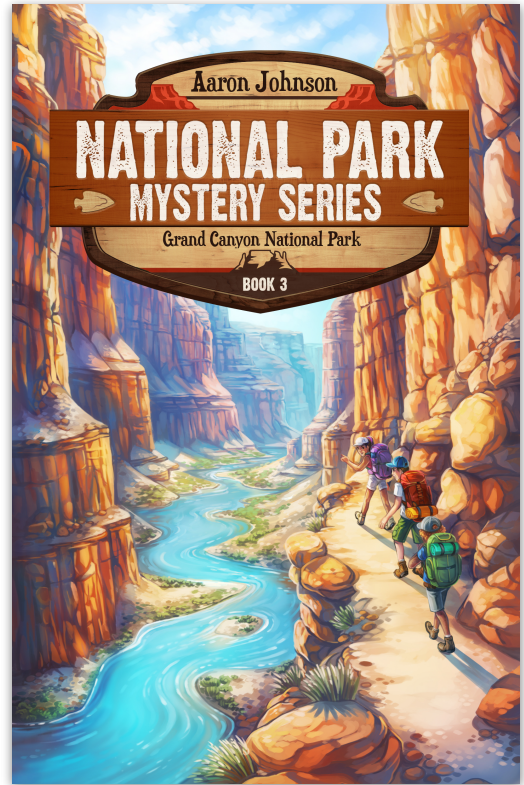
adj. - Wide open.

Amble

v. - To walk at a slow pace.

Alcove

n. - A nook. I often use this to describe an overhang of rock, like a shallow cave.



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Artifact

n. - An object made by a human. Often, artifacts have some historical significance.

Belay

v. - To secure a person with a rope. In rock climbing, the person on the ground belays the person climbing by holding the rope secure.

Boisterous

adj. - Rowdy or noisy.

Butte

n. - A tall hill with a flat top.

Carabiner

n. - A metal connector, usually shaped like a D, with a safety closure, used by climbers to secure ropes and climbing equipment.

Cache

n. - A hidden storage area.

v. - To hide something.

Chasm

n. - A deep gorge.

Crag

n. - A jagged rock or cliff.

Conjure

v. - To bring to mind.

Convection

n. - A current caused by cold air sinking and hot air rising.

Copse

n. - A small grove of trees.

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Damper

n. - A metal plate in a fireplace used to control the airflow.

Dappled

adj. - Spotted.

Deceased

adj. - Dead.

Ebb

v. - To diminish or go away.

Electrolytes

n. - Ions such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, or sodium that dissolve in water and help the body hydrate.

Escarpment

n. - A steep slope or cliff on the side of a hill.

Enveloped

v. - Surrounded or enclosed.

Fissure

n. - A long, narrow opening or crack.

Flue

n. - An opening connecting a fireplace to its chimney.

GPS

n. - A technology using satellites to determine locations and navigation.

Fugitive

n. - A person, often a criminal, who escapes.

Granary

n. - A storage place for grains.

Havasupai

proper noun - A Native American people whose tribe lives in a canyon located within the Grand Canyon.

Indiscernible

adj. - Difficult to see clearly.

Intuition

n. - Insight.

Itinerary

n. - A plan describing the route of a journey and arrival times.

Javelina

n. - A type of wild boar that lives in the southwest United States.

Lichen

n. - A type of small plant that grows on rocks.

Nausea

adj. - Feeling sick and needing to vomit.

Oblivious

adj. - Unaware.

Outcrop

n. - A rock formation that projects or sticks up from the ground.

Orient

v. - To find your position in relation to the landscape.

Padawan

n. (slang) - Apprentice; young student (term comes from *Star Wars*).

Pit Toilet

n. - A toilet over a deep hole in the ground.

Plateau

n. - A mass of land with a flat top, raised above the surrounding landscape.

Rappel

v. - To descend a cliff using a rope.

Rifle

n. - A gun with a spiral groove inside its barrel to improve accuracy.

v. - To quickly search for something.

Resentment

n. - Bitterness in response to being treated poorly.

Resolute

adj. - Determined.

Reverberate

v. - To echo.

Ricochet

v. - To bounce off of something, often describing a bullet.

Roil

v. - A turbulent swirling.

Scree

n. - Small loose stones covering a slope.

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Sentinel

n. - A guard or soldier who is stationed to keep watch.

Silhouette

n. - A dark outline or shape of a person or object.

Spur trail

n. - A small trail leading away from the main trail.

Stipulate

v. - Demand or require.

Stupor

adj. - A state of being unresponsive.

Switchback

n. - Where a trail or road zig-zags in order to go up or down a steep area.

Terse

adj. - Speaking with few words; blunt.

Tinged

adj. - Having a hint of color or flavor.

Torso

n. - Trunk or waist of a human or animal.

Topple

v. - To tip or be pushed over.

Tousled

v. - To mess up a person's hair.

Traverse

v. - To travel across something, like a ridge of a mountain.

Trek

v. - To hike a long distance.

n. - A long hike.

Trundle

v. - To roll, used to describe rolling a rock off of a cliff. (*Don't do this.* It is extremely dangerous to both the trundler and the people below the cliff).

Verdant

adj. - Green with vegetation.

Vermillion

adj. - A deep and brilliant red color.

Wash

n. - A channel where seasonal or flood waters have deposited gravel and sand from a high point to a low point in the landscape.

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.