

## Vocabulary List 4

### *Danger in Zion 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 and the specific page (paperback version).

#### **Spycraft**

*n.* - The skills used by spies. (page 7)

#### **Pigment**

*n.* - A substance that provides color. (page 8)

#### **Fruitless**

*adj.* - Unproductive or useless. (page 8)

#### **Twinge**

*n.* - A small inflection. (page 9)

#### **Tinge**

*n.* - A slight coloring. (page 13)

#### **Exasperated**

*adj.* - Mildly annoyed or weary. (page 18)

#### **Piqued**

*v.* - To stimulate or awaken. (page 32)



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**Dilapidated**

*adj.* - In a state of disrepair, run down. (page 32)

**Fidgety**

*adj.* - Restless. (page 33)

**Unintelligible**

*adj.* - Impossible to understand. (page 49)

**Pronghorn**

*n.* - A deerlike animal with black horns that shed and regrow every year. (page 49)

**Improvise**

*v.* - To make something from whatever is available. (page 50)

**Adjacent**

*adj.* - Right next to something else. (page 53)

**Stout**

*adj.* - Heavy or solid; typically describing a person. (page 54)

**Seething**

*adj.* - Filled with intense but unexpressed anger. (page 55)

**Incident**

*n.* - An event. (page 66)

**Illusion**

*n.* - A false idea or belief. (page 68)

**Sincerity**

*n.* - The quality of being true, free from trickery. (page 68)

**Protested**

*v.* - To express strong disagreement or objection. (page 69)

**Astride**

*adv.* - With one leg on each side. (page 71)

**Switchback**

*n.* - A 180-degree bend in a trail. (page 73)

**Corridor**

*n.* - A long passageway. (page 73)

**Rappel (n.) rappelling (v.)**

*n.* - A descent by means of rappelling. (page 74)

*v.* - To descend a rock face by using a rope.

**Refracted**

*v.* - To make a ray of light change direction when it passes through a semi-transparent material. (page 75)

**Fissure**

*n.* - A long split in rock caused by pressure or breakage. (page 75)

**Fatigue**

*n.* - An extreme tiredness due to exertion. (page 77)

**Traversed**

*v.* - To travel across or through. (page 77)

**Poised**

*v.* - To place oneself in a position of readiness. (page 77)

**Brink**

*n.* - An extreme cliff edge. (page 78)

**Flushed**

*adj.* - Red and pale, hot or sweaty, in describing someones's skin. (page 80)

**Astounded**

*v.* - To be shocked or greatly surprised. (page 80)

**Agitated**

*adj.* - Irritated. (page 80)

**Vacant**

*adj.* - Disinterested or distant. (page 80)

**Heatstroke**

*n.* - Like Wes said, "It's when your body gets so hot that it can't control its temperature. It's like a car overheating." (page 81)

**Abrupt**

*adj.* - Sudden. (page 82)

**Exposure**

*n.* - Like Jake said, when "there are some big drop-offs along the trail." (p 83)

**Trudging**

*v.* - To walk slowly with a lot of effort. (page 83)

**Tendrils**

*n.* - A slender curl or spiral. (page 86)

**Navigating**

*v.* - To travel skillfully over a terrain. (page 86)

**Vale**

*n.* - A valley. (page 86)

**Extinguished**

*v.* - To put out, bring to an end. (page 87)

**Confluence**

*n.* - The junction of two rivers. (page 87)

**Entranced**

*v.* - To fill with wonder. (page 87)

**Wickiup**

*n.* - A hut consisting of an oval frame covered with brushwood or grass. (page 88)

**Inaudible**

*adj.* - Unable to be heard. (page 88)

**Calloused**

*adj.* - An area of hardened skin. (page 88)

**Causeway**

*n.* - A raised path. (page 91)

**Courteous**

*adj.* - Kind yet formal. (page 91)

**Bonsai**

*adj.* - Small artistically shaped trees. (page 91)

**Dwindle**

*v.* - To shrink steadily. (page 91)

**Lurched**

*v.* - To make an abrupt (see above!), unsteady movement. (page 93)

**Vertebra**

*n.* - Each of the series of small bones that make up the spine. (page 93)

**Slog**

*n.* - A stretch of hard work. (page 109)

**Slurred**

*v.* - To run words together in sloppy speech. (page 110)

**Irritable**

*adj.* - Displaying annoyance. (page 110)

**Hoisted**

*v.* - To raise or haul up. (page 110)

**Spasmed**

*v.* - To have an involuntary muscle contraction. (page 110)

**Convulsed**

*v.* - To shake with sudden spasms. (page 111)

**Intervene**

*v.* - To become involved in a difficult situation to improve it. (page 113)

**Sober**

*adj.* - Serious or solemn. (page 113)

**Seizure**

*n.* - An abnormal electrical activity in the brain that temporarily affects consciousness and muscle control. (page 113)

**Conquistador(s)**

*n.* - Spanish for "conquerer," they explored the Americas in the 16th century. (p 117)

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**Expedition**

*n.* - A journey by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration. (page 117)

**Foiled**

*v.* - Like Wes said, it's to be "tricked, outsmarted, outmaneuvered." (page 125)

**Mole**

*n.* - A spy pretending to be a good guy but is on the other team. (page 125)

**Disintegrating**

*v.* - To break down into pieces, decay. (page 127)

**Corroded**

*adj.* - Gradually damaged by chemical action, often by an acid. (page 128)

**Eradicate**

*v.* - To eliminate completely. (page 132)

**Sabotage**

*v.* - To take a deliberate and specific action to derail someone's plan. (page 132)

**Undermine**

*v.* - To weaken the effectiveness of someone's efforts. (page 134)

**Meandering**

*adj.* - Following a winding route. (page 135)

**Dilated**

*v.* - To become more open, larger. (page 138)

**Exoskeleton**

*n.* - A rigid external covering that protects the internal body. (page 138)

**Perilous**

*adj.* - Full of danger. (page 131)

**Feisty**

*adj.* - Lively and forceful. (page 145)

**Reconnaissance**

*n.* - A survey to gain information. (page 150)

**Menacing**

*adj.* - Having a threatening appearance. (page 155)

**Millenia**

*n.* - Plural form of *millennium*, which is 1,000 years. (page 156)

**Deliberate**

*adj.* - With careful consideration. (page 159)

**Sufficient**

*adj.* - Enough, adequate. (page 167)

**Translucent**

*adj.* - Clear but not transparent, allowing some light to pass through. (page 182)

**Lichen**

*n.* - A complex plant-like organism that is a combination of a fungus (plural *fungi*) and an alga (plural *algae*), often growing on rocks and trees. (page 183)

**Incredulous**

*adj.* - Unable or unwilling to believe something. (page 184)

**Makeshift**

*adj.* - A temporary device made with available materials. (page 186)

**Leverage**

*n.* - Physical or mechanical force by means of another object. (page 186)

**Angular**

*adj.* - Having angles or sharp corners. (page 201)

**Sluice**

*n.* - A small channel through which water flows. (page 203)

**Distinct**

*adj.* - Distinguishable from another. (page 203)

**Torrent**

*n.* - A strong and fast-moving stream of water. (page 212)

**Tumult**

*n.* - A loud sound, often difficult to detect its cause. (page 212)

**Hydraulic**

*adj.* - Something operated by pressure from liquid. (page 215)

**Precarious**

*adj.* - An uncertain position with real risk for falling. (page 218)

**Subside**

*v.* - In terms of water, to go down to a normal level. (page 218)

**Submerged**

*v.* - To be (put) under water. (page 218)

**Berserk**

*adj.* - Out of control, usually in terms of anger. (page 218)

**Recede**

v. - To return to a previous position. (page 219)

**Protrude**

v. - To extend beyond a surface next to it. (page 219)

**Hefted**

v. - To lift something heavy. (page 221)

**Abrasion**

n. - A scrape. (page 226)

**Sarcasm**

n. - Words used ironically to mock someone. (page 226)

**Unison**

n. - At the same time or in the same way. (page 229)

**Lavish**

adj. - Overly rich, luxurious. (page 242)

**Decanter**

n. - A glass container with a stopper. (page 242)

**Elude**

v. - To avoid capture skillfully. (page 242)

**Devious**

adj. - Indicating mean or dishonest efforts. (page 243)

*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.*