

Vocabulary List 5

Quest in Yosemite National Park

by Aaron Johnson

<https://nationalparkmysteryseries.com>

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).

Cagey

adj. - Unwilling to give information. (page 1)

Eaves (singular: eave)

n. - The part of the roof that overhangs the outside wall. (page 3)

Triangulation

n. - The process of determining the location of an *unknown* point by forming triangles to the unknown point from *known* points. (page 13)

Emanated

v. - To come forth from something. (page 17)

Converge

v. - To meet at a specific point. (page 20)

Abandoned

adj. - Deserted. (page 20)

Suspicious

adj. - Of questionable character; a deceptive or dishonest appearance. (page 21)



To explore books, stickers, and other cool stuff, be sure to check out our store:
<https://store.nationalparkmysteryseries.com>

Omission

n. - Like Wes said, "An omission means leaving out an important piece of information." (page 23)

Suppress

v. - To prevent or restrain. (page 24)

Minion

n. - A person who works for a powerful person, often a bad person. (page 27)

Sinister

adj. - Harmful or evil. (page 27)

Coordinates

n. - A group of numbers that indicate a specific point or location. (page 38)

Amphitheater

n. - An oval shaped open-air space with seating used for special events. (page 43)

Debris

n. - A scattering of broken down pieces. (page 49)

Verdant

adj. - Alive with plants or vegetation. (page 50)

Billows (singular, *billow*)

n. - A large puffy mass of something. (page 51)

Indispensable

adj. - Essential; absolutely necessary. (page 55)

Berth

n. - A sleeping place. (page 68)

Fitful

adj. - Stopping and starting irregularly. (page 68)

Unsupervised

adj. - Not being watched. (page 69)

Gripman

n. - A cable car operator. Historically, the term arose from the worker's specific job, which required operating the mechanism that clutches a moving underground cable to start and stop the car. (page 69)

Corrupt

adj. - Dishonest, often to gain money or favors. (page 69)

Bribe

n. - Money given in exchange for an illegal favor. (page 69)

Blackmail

n. - The act of demanding payment in exchange for keeping a secret. (page 69)

Imposing

adj. - Impressive in size, often intimidating (see below!). (page 69)

Stifle

v. - To prevent or restrain. (See *suppress*, above!) (page 70)

Haze

n. - A thin blanket of fine dust in the air that decreases visibility. (page 71)

Constrict

v. - To become smaller or tighter. (page 71)

Fluted

adj. - Having grooves. (page 73)

Bulbous

adj. - Fat, round, and bulging. (page 73)

Foliage

n. - A grouping of plant or tree leaves. (page 73)

Accumulated

v. - To gather and increase in size or number. (page 76)

Quarters

n. - A room or place, provided to a worker, in which to live. (page 76)

Culprit

n. - A person guilty of a crime or other shenanigans. (page 76)

Proposition

n. - A business offer. (page 77)

Fortnight

n. - Two weeks. (page 78)

Stake

n. - An amount of money one expects to receive in return for investing. (page 78)

Veritable

adj. - Moving toward or very near actually being true. (page 78)

Venture

v. - To go somewhere, often involving risk. (page 79)

Unreliable

adj. - Not able to be trusted. (page 81)

Colossal

adj. - Extremely large. (page 81)

Distress

n. - Extreme anxiety. (page 82)

Waft

v. - To carry along on a gentle wind. (page 83)

Materialize

v. - To come into being; to become visible. (page 83)

Nestled

v. - To be positioned in a partially hidden location. (page 83)

Undergrowth

n. - A tightly packed grouping of plants, especially under trees. (page 84)

Placard

n. - A public sign. (page 85)

Concave

adj. - A surface that is curved inward. (page 86)

Tarnished

v. - To dull the shine of something. (page 86)

Multitool

n. - A device that contains various tools attached to a single handle. (page 86)

Raspy

adj. - Harsh or unpleasantly rough. (page 87)

Unfurled

v. - To unroll or spread out. (page 87)

Grimy

adj. - Smudged or covered with dirt. (page 87)

Throng

n. - A large and tightly-packed group of people. (page 89)

Duff

n. - Decaying plant matter. (page 92)

Patina

n. - A thin layer of green film that slowly forms on copper. (page 92)

Orienteering

v. - Like Wes said, "It's using a compass, maps, and landmarks to find locations."
(page 93)

Elated

adj. - Extremely happy. (page 93)

Specimen

n. - An example of a kind. (page 93)

Incorrigible

adj. - Unable to be taught or corrected. (page 94)

Acrid

adj. - Strong and unpleasant smell or taste. (page 94)

Evacuate

v. - To remove from a place, often due to danger. (page 95)

Illuminate

v. - To make visible by shining light on it. (page 96)

Asthma

n. - A long-term condition that can cause the lung's airways to narrow. (page 97)

Peculiar

adj. - Strange or unusual. (page 97)

Trammel

n. - Something that hinders progress. (page 101)

Breach

n. - A gap in a barrier. (page 101)

Solemn

adj. - Very serious or formal. (page 103)

Forfeit

v. - To give away something as the result of neglect. (page 103)

Unnerving

adj. - Causing a person to lose confidence; creating anxiety. (page 104)

Contraption

n. - A device that looks strange or complicated to use. (page 105)

Manicured

adj. - Neatly and closely trimmed. (page 108)

Meticulous

adj. - Extreme attention to detail; overly tidy. (page 109)

Elaborate

adj. - Having many detailed parts. (page 109)

Opulent

adj. - Displaying great wealth. (page 109)

Baffled

v. - To be very confused. (page 109)

Statistics

n. - The scientific process of collecting and analyzing numbers related to a specific question. (page 122)

Resilient

adj. - The ability to bounce back easily. (page 122)

Unaccustomed

adj. - Not familiar with. (page 125)

Chiding

adj. - Full of correction; scolding. (page 125)

Intimidate

v. - To make someone fearful in order to make them do something. (page 126)

Wisp

n. - A small thin strip. (page 132)

Cirrus

adj. - A classification of cloud characterized by wispy white strands. (page 132)

Philanthropist

n. - A person who works for the good of others by giving their time, money, or special skills. (page 137)

To explore books, stickers, and other cool stuff, be sure to check out our store:

<https://store.nationalparkmysteryseries.com>

Provisions

n. - A supply of food or gear for a journey. (page 141)

Distraught

adj. - Deeply upset. (page 142)

Concoct

v. - To create from various parts. (page 147)

Brig

n. - A prison, typically on a ship. (page 148)

Strenuous

adj. - Requiring a lot of physical energy. (page 150)

Acronym

n. - An abbreviation formed using the first letters of a multi-word phrase. (page 151)

Capacity

n. - The total amount something can contain. (page 166)

Ornate

adj. - Made with or containing complex patterns. (page 168)

Embellished

v. - To make something more attractive. (page 168)

Concierge (desk) - *adj.*

n. - A person at a hotel who helps guests with special request or plans. (page 168)

Chandelier

n. - An ornate (see above!) light fixture, often with branched supports forming a circle, that hangs from the ceiling. (page 168)

Ignited

v. - To catch on fire; awaken suddenly. (page 176)

Hyperventilate

v. - To breathe very quickly, often due to stress. (page 176)

Saturate

v. - To soak completely. (page 181)

Unkempt

adj. - Untidy; messy. (page 181)

Prerogative

n. - A special right a specific person has that others do not. (page 183)

Cataract

n. - Water falling over a steep edge. (page 189)

Clamor

n. - A loud and muddled sound, often from a group of people. (page 190)

Terrain

n. - A section of land and its physical characteristics. (page 192)

Hypothesis

n. - A suggested explanation or theory, often based on a small amount of evidence. (page 211)

Drainage

n. - Like Uncle Brian said, "It's the creek and the immediate area alongside it." (page 212)

Exhume

v. - To dig out from the ground something that was buried. (page 216)

Latticework

n. - A criss-cross pattern made from strips of material. (page 216)

Mischievous

adj. - Having the likelihood of causing trouble, usually in a playful way. (page 220)

Rendezvous

n. - A place selected as a meeting location. (page 229)

Parley

v. - To meet and work with the opposite team for a shared goal. (page 236)

Balmy

adj. - Pleasantly warm. (page 238)

Preoccupied

v. - To hold someone's attention as a distraction. (page 238)

Concede

v. - To agree, often without wanting to do so. (page 271)

Pulverize

v. - To press or crush something until it becomes powder or a soft mass. (page 281)

Apprehensive

adj. - Viewing the future with anxiety. (page 283)

Plummet

v. - To fall straight down very quickly. (page 283)

Tethered

v. - To be closely connected to something by means of a line or rope. (page 284)

Updraft

n. - An upward current of air. (page 286)

Infer

v. - To figure out something from evidence and reasoning. (page 294)

Provenance

n. - Something's beginning. (page 300)

Interloper

n. - A person who gets involved where they are not invited. (page 301)

Recoup

v. - To get something back after losing or using it. (page 306)

Stalwart

n. - Strong and sturdy. (page 307)

Gossamer

n. - A fine, filmy web floating in air, usually spun by spiders. (page 310)

Careen

v. - To go forward quickly while moving side to side. (page 310)

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.