

## Vocabulary List 3

### *Adventure in the Grand Canyon*

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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** - scraped, worn down, or roughened by friction

**Accelerant** - a substance, often a liquid, used to start and accelerate the size of a fire

**Adrenaline** - a hormone created in the body, often under stress, that increases heart rate and breathing, preparing the body for action

**Agate** - a type of stone, mostly quartz, containing bands of color

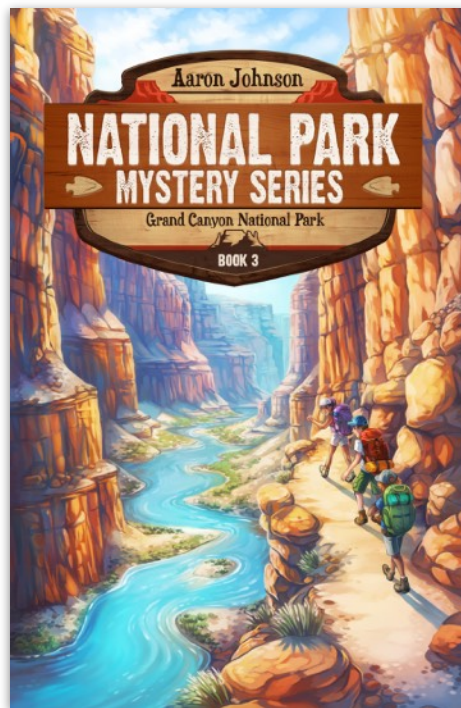
**Agape** - wide open

**Amble** - walking at a slow pace

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

**Artifact** - an object made by a human. Often, artifacts have some historical significance

**Belay** - to secure a person with a rope. In rock climbing, the person on the ground belays the person climbing by holding the rope secure



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**Boisterous** - rowdy or noisy

**Butte** - a tall hill with a flat top

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

**Cache** - a hidden storage area (noun) to hide something (verb)

**Chasm** - a deep gorge

**Crag** - a jagged rock or cliff

**Conjure** - to bring to mind

**Convection** - a current caused by cold air sinking and hot air rising

**Copse** - a small grove of trees

**Damper** - a metal plate in a fireplace used to control the airflow

**Dappled** - spotted

**Deceased** - dead

**Ebb** - to diminish or go away

**Electrolytes** - ions such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, or sodium that dissolve in water and help the body hydrate

**Escarpment** - a steep slope or cliff on the side of a hill

**Enveloped** - surrounded or enclosed

**Fissure** - a long, narrow opening or crack

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**Flue** - an opening connecting a fireplace to its chimney

**GPS** - a technology using satellites to determine locations and navigation

**Fugitive** - a person, often a criminal, who escapes

**Granary** - a storage place for grains

**Havasupai** - a Native American people whose tribe lives in a canyon located within the Grand Canyon.

**Indiscernible** - difficult to see clearly

**Intuition** - insight

**Itinerary** - a plan describing the route of a journey and arrival times

**Javelina** - a type of wild boar that lives in the Southwest of the United States

**Lichen** - a type of small plant that grows on rocks

**Nausea** - feeling sick and needing to vomit

**Oblivious** - unaware

**Outcrop** - a rock formation that projects or sticks up from the ground

**Orient** - to find your position in relation to the landscape

**Padawan** - apprentice, young student (from Star Wars)

**Pit Toilet** - a toilet over a deep hole in the ground

**Plateau** - a mass of land with a flat top, raised above the surrounding landscape

**Rappel** - to descend a cliff using a rope

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**Rifle** - a gun with a spiral groove inside its barrel to improve accuracy (noun), or to quickly search for something (verb)

**Resentment** - bitterness in response to being treated poorly

**Resolute** - determined

**Reverberate** - to echo

**Ricochet** - to bounce off of something, often describes a bullet

**Roil** - a turbulent swirling

**Scree** - small loose stones covering a slope

**Sentinel** - a guard or soldier who is stationed to keep watch

**Silhouette** - a dark outline or shape of a person or object

**Spur Trail** - a small trail leading away from the main trail

**Stipulate** - demand or require

**Stupor** - a state of being unresponsive

**Switchback** - where a trail or road zig-zags in order to go up or down a steep area

**Terse** - speaking with few words, blunt

**Tinged** - a hint of color or flavor

**Torso** - trunk or waist of a human or animal

**Topple** - to tip or be pushed over

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**Tousled** - to mess up a person's hair

**Traverse** - to travel across something, like a ridge of a mountain.

**Trek** - to hike a long distance (verb). A long hike (noun).

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

**Verdant** - green with vegetation

**Vermillion** - a deep and brilliant red color

**Wash** - a channel where seasonal or flood waters have deposited gravel and sand from a high point to a low point in the landscape (noun).

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.