

## 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**

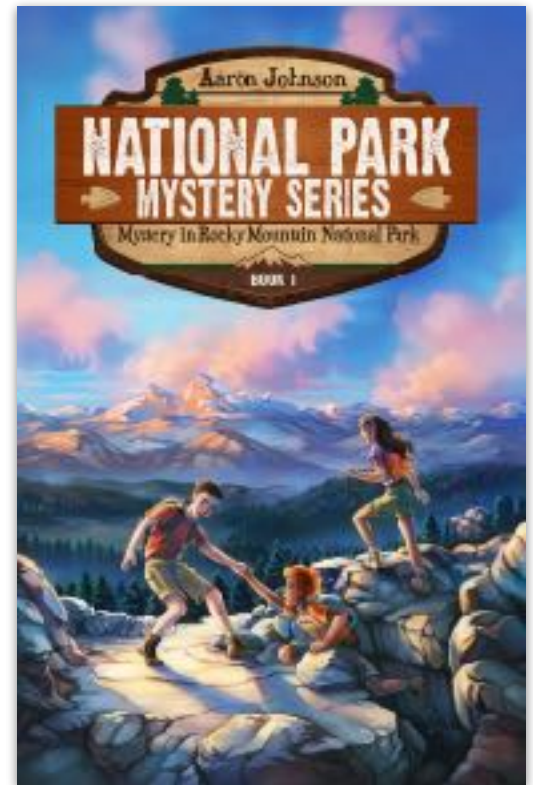
*adj.* - Real and true, not fake.

#### **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 and 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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