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## Wrinkle in Time: Vocabulary

### Chapter 1:

Word/ Phrase	Definition	Sentence
<b>Agility*</b>	Ability to move easily, quickly	"She moved with great agility for such an old woman."
<b>Dignity*</b>	Nobility of character, manner or language. That which gives you respect (especially self-respect)	" 'If you have some liniment, I'll put it on my dignity.'"
<b>Exclusive*</b>	Not divided or shared with others	"Let's be exclusive."
<b>Frantically</b>	Moving with fear or worry	"... clouds scudded frantically across the sky."
<b>Frenzied</b>	Done with wild excitement	"... watched the trees tossing in the frenzied lashing of the wind."
<b>Happy Medium*</b>	A happy condition or path between two extremes	" 'You don't know the meaning of moderation, do you my darling? ... A happy medium is something I wonder if you'll ever learn.'"
<b>Liniment</b>	A medicinal ointment	" 'If you have some liniment, I'll put it on my dignity.'"
<b>Preliminaries</b>	Something that precedes or prepares for an action	"... Charles Wallace began to speak, suddenly with none of the usual baby preliminaries, using entire sentences."
<b>Prodigious</b>	Extraordinary, marvelous	" 'Impressive, isn't it?'" "Prodigious," Mrs. Murry said.
<b>Relinquished</b>	To give up or to abandon	"... Mrs. Murry pulled until the second boot relinquished the foot."
<b>Resentment*</b>	Anger or bitterness	"Meg looked up to her mother, half in loving admiration, half in sullen resentment."
<b>Serenity*</b>	Calm or peacefulness	"Nothing ruffled the serenity of her expression."
<b>Smugly</b>	Done with self-satisfaction	"... must be aware of the smugly vicious gossip."

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<b>Sparse</b>	Occurring, growing, or appearing in a widely spaced manner	“Under all this a sparse quantity of grayish hair was tied ...”
<b>Sullen</b>	Brooding, gloomy, or somber	“Meg looked up to her mother, half in loving admiration, half in sullen resentment.”
<b>Supine</b>	Lying on the back	“Mrs. Whatsit said, still supine.”
<b>Tramp</b>	A vagrant, homeless person	“... a tramp who was supposed to have stolen...”
<b>Uncanny</b>	Strangely unsettling, eerie. So perceptive as to seem almost supernatural	“... who had an uncanny way of knowing...”
<b>Vicious*</b>	Savage, dangerous. Evil, wicked	“... must be aware of the smugly vicious gossip.”
<b>Vigorously</b>	Done in an energetic, lively way	“Mrs. Whatsit nodded her head vigorously.”

**Chapter 2:**

<b>Word/ Phrase</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
<b>Antagonistic</b>	To act in an opposing, adversarial, fighting way	“ ‘Try to be a little less antagonistic.’”
<b>Assimilate</b>	To take in and understand	“ ‘I need fuel so that I can sort things out and assimilate them properly.’”
<b>Belligerent*</b>	Eager to fight, hostile	“ ‘Do you enjoy being the most belligerent, uncooperative child in school?’”
<b>Bellowing</b>	To cry out in loud voice	“ ‘Stop bellowing... Do you want the entire school to hear you?’”
<b>Dilapidated*</b>	In a state of disrepair, deterioration, or ruin	“He started off on his short legs toward the dilapidated old house.”
<b>Inadvertently</b>	Done in an unintentional way	“ ‘You tell me, you see sort of inadvertently.’”
<b>Indignation</b>	Anger brought about by something unjust or mean	“... the boy said with some indignation.”
<b>Peculiar*</b>	Unusual, eccentric, or odd	“ ‘Most peculiar moron I’ve ever met...’”
<b>Placidly*</b>	Done in a calm or composed way	“Meg flushed with rage, but Charles Wallace answered placidly.”
<b>Sagely</b>	Wisely	“Charles Wallace nodded sagely.”
<b>Sinister*</b>	Suggesting or threatening evil	“The late afternoon light had a greenish cast which the blank windows reflected in a sinister way.”
<b>Tractable</b>	Easily managed or controlled	“ ‘Maybe your work would improve if your general attitude were more tractable.’”
<b>Unceremoniously</b>	Without ceremony, without care	“... and dumped it unceremoniously on the floor.”

**Chapter 3:**

<b>Word/ Phrase</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
<b>Conceive</b>	To think, to understand	"... 'though I realized that that's difficult for you children to conceive.'"
<b>Contradicted*</b>	To assert the opposite of, to deny the statement of	"Now she was waiting to be contradicted."
<b>Decipher*</b>	To read or interpret, to decode	" 'With a good deal of difficulty I can usually decipher it...'"
<b>Deft</b>	Skillful	"...and with a deft gesture took the sheet and folded it."
<b>Dubiously</b>	Done in an uncertain way	"Meg said dubiously."
<b>Essence*</b>	The most important properties that identify something. That which makes something what it is.	" '...Charles Wallace's difference isn't physical. It's in essence.'"
<b>Morass</b>	A difficult, overwhelming situation	"...but her happiness had fled and she was back in a morass of anger and resentment."
<b>Paltry</b>	Small, lacking in importance, trivial	" 'Just because you're a paltry few billion years...'"
<b>Tangible*</b>	Real or concrete	"Silence fell between them, as tangible as the dark tree shadows..."