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A Wrinkle in Time: Vocabulary

Chapter 7:

Word/ Phrase	Definition	Sentence
Bilious	Related to bile; the color of bile (green) which is in the stomach	“The green of the marble reflecting on their faces made them look bilious.”
Blandly*	Done in a mild way	“...he continued blandly...”
Bravado	Pretended confidence; swaggering	“She wondered if Calvin realized that a lot of the arrogance was bravado.”
Diverting	Entertaining, amusing	“The boys I find not nearly so diverting...”
Flanked	To move to the side of	“...but four men in dark smocks appeared and flanked the children.”
Imitation*	A copy, impersonation, a fake	“ ‘If this isn’t real, it’s the best imitation you’ll ever get.’ ”
Impressionable*	Easily influenced	“ ‘But after all you are very young and very impressionable...’ ”
Indecisively	Done without decision, without clear resolution	“Meg continued to stand indecisively.”
Inefficient*	Not effective	“With her inefficient flying tackle she landed on him.”
Insistently	Done in a demanding way	“The number words pounded insistently against Meg’s brain.”
Menace*	A threat	“...and now there was a distinct menace to the words...”
Neurological	Having to do with the brain and nervous system	“ ‘But it is only the little boy whose neurological system is complex enough.’ ”
Nondescript*	Lacking individual characteristics	“The men all wore nondescript business suits...”
Obliquely	Done at an angle, from the side (to look from the side, not straight ahead)	“...even though she had to look obliquely...”
Recourse	A resort for help or protection	“ ‘I shall of course have no need of recourse...’ ”

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Requisition	A formal request	“ ‘I shall have to ask for a requisition...’ ”
Smock	A loose shirt-like garment	“...but four men in dark smocks appeared and flanked the children.”
Synthetic*	Artificial	“ ‘Of course our food, being synthetic, is not superior to your messes...’ ”
Tenacity*	The quality of being obstinate, persistent	“But Meg, with the dogged tenacity that had so often caused her trouble, continued.”
Threshold	Doorway, entrance	“As they crossed the threshold the door shut silently behind them.”
Tolerant*	To put up with the beliefs, actions of others	“The thought was tolerant, amused...”

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Alternative*	A choice between things	“ ‘This isn’t the only alternative!’”
Annihilate*	To destroy completely	“ ‘It is so much kinder to simply annihilate anyone who is ill.’”
Coaxing* (Coax)	Gently persuading	“Calvin’s voice was coaxing.”
Conduct	To lead, to guide	“ ‘Charles Wallace will conduct you.’”
Connotations	Implications in the meaning of words	“ ‘I told you that was too primitive a word, without the correct connotations.’”
Deviate*	To differ in character or form	“ ‘After today he’ll never desire to deviate again.’”
Enlightened	Advanced, well-informed	“ ‘...this beautiful, enlightened planet of Camozotz.’”
Henchmen	Trusted helper or follower	“ ‘Okay, have your henchmen let us go...’”
Hypnotize*	To put someone in a state where they will respond to outside suggestions	“ ‘Anyhow, we know you have Charles hypnotized.’”
Hysterical	Acting with frenzied emotion and anxiety	“ ‘But my dear child, you are hysterical.’”
Infuriate*	To enrage, to make furious, very angry	“He spoke in his calmest, most reasonable voice, the voice which infuriated the twins.”
Marionette	A doll or puppet	“He started his marionette’s walk again.”
Misconception*	A mistaken idea; misunderstanding	“ ‘Merely another misconception.’”
Monotonous*	Unchanging tone; with dull uniformity	“Charles Wallace’s strange, monotonous voice ground against her ears.”
Pinion	To restrain, to bind	“...and one of them held her with her arms pinioned behind her back.”
Sadist*	Someone who enjoys hurting others	“ ‘IT sometimes calls Itself the Happiest Sadist.’”
Spindly	Frail	“...and her own spindly strength was no match against it.”
Submit*	To surrender (oneself) to another person or force	“ ‘...everybody as learned to relax, to give in, to submit.’”