

Vocabulary Overview

Ten key words from this section are provided below with definitions and sentences about how the words are used in the book. Choose one of the vocabulary activity sheets (pages 25 or 26) for students to complete as they read this section. Monitor students as they work to ensure the definitions they have found are accurate and relate to the text. Finally, discuss these important vocabulary words with students. If you think these words or other words in the section warrant more time devoted to them, there are suggestions in the introduction for other vocabulary activities (page 5).

Word	Definition	Sentence about Text
corporeal (ch. 4)	describes something that has a physical form	When you tesser, your corporeal body vanishes.
axis (ch. 4)	the center around which something rotates	Earth spins around its axis .
inexorable (ch. 4)	stubborn, can't be stopped	As Meg comes out of the first tesseract, she feels in tune with the earth including the inexorable tug of the moon.
ineffable (ch. 4)	strange and difficult to define	The ineffable quality of the beautiful location helps Meg calm down after her first tesser experience.
ephemeral (ch. 4)	lasting a short time	Meg describes Mrs Which's costume broomstick as ephemeral since it disappears quickly.
virtue (ch. 4)	being morally good	Even as a winged creature, Meg knows that Mrs Whatsit has virtue .
metamorphose (ch. 4)	change completely	Mrs Whatsit metamorphoses into a beautiful flying creature.
monoliths (ch. 4)	huge tall stones	Meg sees great monoliths while flying on the back of Mrs Whatsit.
protoplasm (ch. 5)	the living part of a cell	When Mrs Which lands on the two-dimensional planet, she forgets that the children's protoplasm is three-dimensional.
cosmos (ch. 5)	everything that exists anywhere	The fight against the Black Thing is being fought throughout the cosmos .