

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 35 or 36) 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	Descriptive Sentence
writhe (ch. 6)	to twist or squirm, sudden turning motion	The Happy Medium shows the Black Thing writhe as it surrounds Earth's lightness.
solidify (ch. 6)	becoming more solid	As the Happy Medium shows images to the children, the visions solidify and can be seen more clearly.
precipitously (ch. 6)	suddenly, abruptly	Meg thinks they were taken precipitously from their apple orchard at the beginning of the book.
propitious (ch. 6)	favorable, likely to be successful	Mrs Whatsit tells the children to wait for the propitious moment to try to save their father.
talisman (ch. 6)	a lucky charm that protects you	Mrs Whatsit gives each child a reminder of his or her personal talisman when she must leave the children alone on Camazotz.
resilience (ch. 6)	ability to recover quickly	Charles Wallace's gift from Mrs Whatsit as they arrive on Camazotz is his resilience because he's still a child.
aberration (ch. 6)	not normal or typical	The woman in the house on Camazotz says there hasn't been a child who was an aberration in their section for years.
bilious (ch. 7)	sickly shade of green	The green marble in the CENTRAL Central Intelligence building reflects on people's faces and makes them look bilious .
remote (ch. 7)	far away, distant	As the children approach the man with red eyes, Charles Wallace's voice becomes remote .
obliquely (ch. 7)	not done directly	Meg tries to look obliquely at the man with red eyes so she won't be hypnotized.