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Wrinkle in Time: Vocabulary

Chapter 5:

Word/ Phrase	Definition	Sentence
Curtsy	A formal gesture of greeting, involving bending the knees, made by women	"...she got up and curtsied deeply."
Dissolution*	The dissolving of a substance; to fade away	"But this time she was prepared for the sudden and complete dissolution of her body."
Evaporate*	To vanish, to disappear	"Mrs. Who seemed to evaporate until there was nothing..."
Intolerable*	Unbearable	"The relief from the intolerable pressure was all she needed."
Perturb*	To trouble, to bother, to upset	"Even Calvin did not seem perturbed."
Plaintively	To do with sadness	"Meg asked plaintively."
Protoplasm	The essential living matter for plants and animals	" 'If you are not substantial yourself it's very difficult to realize how limiting protoplasm is.' "
Shudder	To tremble, shiver	"Calvin put his arms around her, but she shuddered, and broke away, sobbing wildly."
Subside*	To settle, to diminish	Mrs. Whatsit looked hurt, but she subsided."
Substantial	Made of substance, having body	" 'If you are not substantial yourself it's very difficult to realize how limiting protoplasm is.' "
Tentatively	Done in a hesitant, unsure, or not definite way	"Calvin suggested tentatively."
Triumphantly	Done with a feeling of great success or victory	"She nodded triumphantly."

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Chapter 6:

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Aberration*	A deviation (change) from the normal.	“ ‘We haven’t had an Aberration for three years.’ ”
Ambrosia	The food of the gods	“ ‘But I was going to give you some ambrosia or nectar or at least some tea’ ”
Anticlimax*	A sudden drop from what is important to something trivial, meaningless	“...anything that she or Calvin did or said would be anticlimax.”
Arrogance	An exaggerated sense of importance or ability	“ ‘Beware of pride and arrogance...’ ”
Eon	The largest unit of time	“ ‘I dare say we’ll see you in an eon or two.’ ”
Facet*	An aspect, part of something	“...but it was only the tiniest facet of all the things Mrs. Whatsit could be.”
Furtive	Stealthy	“...running after it with awkward, furtive leaps...”
Malignant*	Harmful, dangerous, wishing to injure or harm others	“...a thing that wanted to eat and digest her like some enormous malignant beast of prey.”
Peril*	Danger, jeopardy, risk, hazard	“ ‘Save them for the final moment of peril.’ ”
Precipitously	Done in any sharp or sudden way	“And though it was warmer than it had been when they so precipitously left the apple orchard...”
Resilience	The ability to spring back or recover from something	“ ‘Charles Wallace, to you I give only the resilience of your childhood.’ ”
Simultaneously*	Done or occurring at the same time	“Then the doors of all the houses opened simultaneously...”
Talisman	An object or charm to ward off evil and bring good luck	“ ‘but all I am allowed to give you is a little talisman.’ ”
Unkempt*	Uncombed, slovenly, messy	“In front of the sink stood an unkempt woman with gray hair stringing about her face.”