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Vocabulary Words

**1) nature reserve-** An area of land that is protected and managed in order to preserve a particular type of habitat.

**2) retreat-** A quiet place where you can go to relax, to think, or to be alone.

**3) compartment-** A separate part of a container, used for keeping certain things.

**4) rappel-** The act of moving up or down a steep incline or mountain using ropes.

**5) ginormous-** Extremely large; huge.

**6) fairgrounds-** Large outdoor areas where fairs are held.

**7) venture-** To put yourself at risk by doing something daring or dangerous.

**8) courteous-** Polite and respectful.

**9) reimburse-** To pay someone back the money the person has had to spend on your behalf.

**10) monumental-** Very large or very important.

**11) seismic-** Having highly significant consequences.

**12) academically-** Studying and learning.

**13) attribution-** Belonging to a person or thing.

**14) revelation-** A very surprising fact that is made known.

**15) commencement-** Graduation day or a graduation ceremony.

**16) cusp-** A point that marks the beginning of a change.

**17) capacity-** An ability to do something.

**18) verbosity-** The state of using too many words; wordy.

**19) exemplary-** Worthy of praise and imitation; commendable.

**20) ruminating-** Meditating; thinking; reflecting.