Vocabulary List for *Holes*

Camp Green Lake Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Camp Green Lake	The correctional camp where boys dig holes	Stanley was sent to Camp Green Lake.
Warden	The strict leader of the camp	The Warden controls everything at the camp.
Shovel	A tool used for digging	Stanley used a shovel in the hot sun.
Canteen	A container used for holding water	Stanley carried his canteen everywhere.
Dehydration	Losing too much water from the body	Dehydration is dangerous in the desert heat.
Sunstroke	Illness caused by overheating in the sun	Some boys risk sunstroke while digging.
Discipline	Strict rules and punishment	Camp Green Lake has harsh discipline.
Curse	A spell or bad luck passed down	Stanley believes his family is under a curse.
Arid	Very dry with no rain	Camp Green Lake is an arid desert.
Stifling	Very hot and uncomfortable	The air in the desert was stifling.
Descendant	A person related to someone from the past	Stanley is a descendant of his unlucky family.
Perseverance	Continuing despite difficulties	Stanley shows perseverance in the desert.
Stranded	Left somewhere without help	The boys were stranded in the desert.
Premises	The land and buildings of a place	The camp premises were surrounded by desert.
Sanitary	Clean and healthy	The conditions at camp were not sanitary.
Scarcity	A lack of something	There was a scarcity of water at the camp.
Testify	To give evidence or speak about something	The witness had to testify in court.
Destiny	The future that is believed to be planned	Stanley believes in changing his destiny.

Despicable	Very unpleasant or evil	The warden's actions were despicable.
Unearth	To dig up or discover	They unearth a secret in the desert.
Predatory	Hunting or attacking others	The predatory lizards were dangerous.
Prey	An animal that is hunted	Small animals become prey in the desert.
Intensity	Strength or power of something	The heat reached an intense intensity.
Barren	Empty and unable to grow plants	The barren land stretched for miles.
Pry	To force something open or look into something	He tried to pry open the box.
Sift	To search through something carefully	They sift through the dirt for clues.
Etch	To carve or mark into a surface	The wind seemed to etch patterns in the sand.
Paranoid	Feeling very worried or suspicious	Stanley became paranoid about the warden.
Intently	With great attention	He listened intently to every word.
Practically	Almost or nearly	They were practically out of water.
Presumably	Probably or it is believed	Presumably, the hole was already searched.
Evict	To force someone to leave a place	The family was evicted from their home.
Forlorn	Lonely and hopeless	The boys looked forlorn in the desert.
Excavate	To dig up something carefully	They excavate the ground every day.
Preposterous	Ridiculous or absurd	The idea seemed preposterous.
Grimace	A facial expression of pain or disgust	He made a grimace in the heat.
Gash	A deep cut or wound	He had a gash on his arm.
Callused	Hardened skin from hard work	Their callused hands showed hard labour.
Moisture	Small amounts of water	There was no moisture in the air.
Fume	Smoke or strong angry feeling	He began to fume in frustration.

Toxic	Poisonous or harmful	The area could be toxic in the heat.
Recede	To move back or become less	The water began to recede.
Writhe	To twist the body in pain	He began to writhe in the sun.
Desolate	Empty and lonely	The desolate desert stretched endlessly.
Defiance	Open resistance or refusal to obey	Stanley showed defiance against injustice.
Memorise	To learn something by memory	They memorize the digging rules.
Jolt	A sudden shock or movement	The truck gave a sudden jolt.
Grotesque	Very ugly or strange	The creature looked grotesque in the heat.
Parched	Extremely dry, especially from thirst	Their throats were parched in the desert.