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Vocabulary:

"Caves of Doom"

- 1. accessible (ak-SES-uh-buhl)** *adjective*; When something is accessible, it is possible to get to it or use it. A ramp can make a building accessible to people in wheelchairs. Information that is accessible to the public is available to the public.

Accessible can also describe something that is easy to understand, as in "Her poetry is accessible," or someone who is easy to approach and speak to, as in "Mrs. Jones is accessible to her students."

- 2. chasm (KAZ-uhm)** *noun*; A chasm is a deep hole or gap in the earth.

- 3. drafty (DRAF-tee)** *adjective*; A draft is cold air moving around in a closed space, such as a room. If you say a room is drafty, you mean that cold air is moving in it in a way that makes the room unpleasantly chilly.

- 4. lure (loor)** *noun or verb*; The noun *lure* refers to something that attracts an animal or a person to go somewhere or do something. The lure of social media can be hard to resist.

As a verb, *lure* means to cause or persuade a person or an animal to go somewhere or do something by offering them something they want. The smell of freshly baked cookies might lure you into the kitchen.

- 5. menacing (MEN-uh-sing)** *adjective*; Something that is menacing is threatening to harm you.

- 6. peril (PEHR-uhl)** *noun*; *Peril* can mean the state of being in danger. For example: The blizzard put the mountain climbers in peril. *Peril* can also mean something that can cause harm, pain, loss, or difficulty. For example: Sharks and strong currents are perils of swimming in the ocean.

- 7. precaution (pri-KAW-shuhn)** *noun*; A precaution is something done in advance to try to prevent something dangerous or unpleasant from happening. Wearing a seat belt is a precaution. If you want to make sure you don't oversleep, you might set more than one alarm clock as a precaution.

8. recess (REE-sess or ree-SESS) *noun or verb*; You probably know recess as a short break between work periods. Recess can also refer to a dark, hidden part of something, or to a hollowed-out or set-back section of a wall or other flat surface. Do you want to check out the recesses of this creepy old basement? Neither do we.

As a verb, *recess* can mean to temporarily stop something or to put something into a hollowed-out area.

9. treacherous (TRECH-er-uhs) *adjective*; *Treacherous* can mean "full of dangers." A steep, winding, narrow mountain road is treacherous. *Treacherous* can also mean "not able to be trusted." A friend who tells your secrets to someone else is treacherous.

Directions: On the back of this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.