

# ***Rescue At Lake Wild***

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### **Vocabulary Words**

1. **trills (pg 4) (noun)** the rapid vibration of one speech organ against another
2. **optimistic (pg 4) (adj)** showing optimism, expecting everything to come out all right
3. **accentuating (pg 5) (verb)** pronouncing or marking with an accent, emphasizing
4. **latticed (pg 5) (adj)** decorated in the form of a lattice (a framework or structure of crossed wood or metal strips)
5. **profound (pg 12) (adj)** having or showing great knowledge or understanding
6. **gala (pg 15) (noun)** a festive celebration
7. **rehabilitator (pg 15) (noun)** someone who restores something to a former status or reputation
8. **feral (pg 15) (adj)** having escaped from domestication and become wild
9. **raptor (pg 15) (noun)** bird of prey
10. **hypothetical (pg 19) (adj)** involving a hypothesis or the making of assumptions : assumed
11. **poaching (pg 20) (verb)** hunting or fishing unlawfully
12. **sheepish (pg 21) (adj)** embarrassed especially over being found out in a fault
13. **earnest (pg 24) (adj)** having or showing a serious attitude : not light or playful
14. **shell-shocked (pg 24) (adj)** mentally confused, upset, or exhausted as the result of being under too much stress
15. **gremlins (pg 27) (noun)** small mischievous or troublesome creatures
16. **presuming (pg 28) (verb)** to suppose to be true without proof
17. **waders (pg 31) (noun)** high waterproof boots or trousers for wading
18. **punky (pg 32) (adj)** being soft or rotted
19. **pursuit (pg 33) (noun)** the act of pursuing, the act of following in order to catch up and seize
20. **winch (pg 34) (noun)** a machine that has a roller on which a rope, cable, or chain is wound for pulling or lifting
21. **listless (pg 34) (adj)** too tired or too little interested to want to do things
22. **peevishly (pg 38) (adv)** irritably
23. **yammering (pg 39) (verb)** uttering repeated cries of sorrow, distress, or complaint
24. **indignantly (pg 40) (adv)** in a manner filled with or expressing indignation
25. **secretion (pg 42) (noun)** a substance produced and given off by a gland
26. **castoreum (pg 42) (noun)** a chemical compound that mostly comes from a beaver's castor sacs, which are located between the pelvis and the base of the tail.
27. **obsession (pg 43) (noun)** a disturbing concern with an idea or feeling that cannot be put out of mind even when it is seen to be unreasonable

- 28. foreboding (pg 49) (noun)** a feeling that something especially unfortunate is going to happen
- 29. improvised (pg 51) (verb)** made, invented, or arranged on the spur of the moment or without planning
- 30. contaminate (pg 52) (verb)** to make impure or unfit for use by adding something harmful or unpleasant
- 32. meticulously (pg 59) (adv)** extremely or overly careful in thinking about or dealing with small details
- 33. upended (pg 73) (adj)** made to set, stand, or rise on end
- 34. culvert (pg 73) (noun)** a drain or waterway crossing under a road or railroad
- 35. smugly (pg 77) (adv)** highly satisfied with oneself
- 36. crestfallen (pg 78) (adj)** very sad and disappointed
- 37. incredulous (pg 79) (adj)** feeling or showing an inability to believe something : skeptical
- 38. subdued (pg 82) (adj)** lacking in liveliness, intensity, or strength
- 39. niggling (pg 83) (adj)** causing slight but persistent annoyance, discomfort, or anxiety.
- 40. transom (pg 88) (noun)** a horizontal crossbar in a window, over a door, or between a door and a window or fanlight above it
- 41. cascade (pg 89) (noun)** a steep usually small waterfall
- 42. coveted (pg 95) (adj)** wished for greatly or with envy
- 43. precariously (pg 98) (adv)** dangerously lacking in security or steadiness
- 44. grudgingly (pg 106) (adv)** in a reluctant or resentful manner
- 45. pilfering (pg 109) (verb)** stealing articles of small value or in small amounts
- 46. loitering (pg 134) (verb)** to remain in an area for no good reason
- 47. imploding (pg 149) (verb)** bursting inward
- 48. oblivious (pg 165) (adj)** not being conscious or aware
- 49. restitution (pg 175) (noun)** the giving of something back to its rightful owner or the giving of something of equal value (as for loss or damage)
- 50. stewardship (pg 176) (noun)** the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care