

## Canyon And Context Answer Key

### Possible Student Answers (Context-Based Definitions):

1. **formidable** - very large, powerful, or difficult to overcome. (Cliffs rose so high they blocked the sun.)
2. **frigid** - very cold. (The night air grew colder as darkness came.)
3. **reassured** - made to feel safer or less worried. (The fire's light helped calm Ethan.)
4. **ingenuity** - cleverness or creative problem-solving. (He used creativity to build a shelter.)

### Reflection Question (Sample):

- These words build a sense of danger, challenge, and problem-solving.
- They help show Ethan's fear but also his ability to survive.
- They create a mood of tension and determination.

### Teacher Guide:

- Remind students to look for **context clues** such as synonyms, explanations, or cause-and-effect hints in the sentences.
- Accept student definitions that capture the meaning even if not worded exactly like a dictionary.
- Encourage students to underline the words in the passage that gave them hints (e.g., "rising so high," "air grew," "flickering light," "built a lean-to").
- Extension idea: Have students write their own survival mini-paragraph with one tricky word and provide context clues for a partner to solve.