

## *Into the Wild* Vocabulary Words

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**Taciturn:** reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little

**Anomalous:** deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected.

**Fatuous:** insanely foolish or silly

**Existential:** A philosophy that people give meaning to their lives through their choices and actions

**Chutzpah:** personal confidence or courage that allows someone to do or say things that may be shocking to others

**Sanctimonious:** making a show of being morally superior to other people

**Obsequious:** obedient or attentive to an excess or servile degree

**Gregarious:** fond of company; sociable

**Panache:** style and flair

**Rancor:** bitterness and resentfulness

**Laconic:** brief; using few words

**Ambivalent:** having mixed feelings

**Fecund:** fertile; productive

**Conundrum:** a difficult problem

**Euphoria:** a feeling of extreme happiness

**Derelict:** a person without a home, job, or property

**Altruistic:** showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish

**Perfunctory:** carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection

**Arcane:** understood by few; mysterious or secret.