

bedrock

unbroken, solid rock beneath the soil

embark

to start or set out, as on travels

excavation

an area in which something has been exposed or uncovered for investigation

exquisite

of great beauty or perfection

intriguing

arousing curiosity or intense interest

intrinsic

belonging to the nature or character or a thing

methodical

in a systematic, regular, routine way

meticulously

very carefully; with great attention to detail