

# 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 of a thing

# methodical

*in a systematic, regular, routine way*

# meticulously

*very carefully; with great attention to detail*