Word Quest 1

List 11 · Nature and weather

Vocabulary and example	Write it

autumn n. /ˈɔːtʌm/

the season between summer and winter, when leaves fall

Family: autumns **Use it with:** in autumn · autumn leaves **Tip:** American English often says “fall”.

In **autumn** the trees in our park turn red and gold.

blow v. /bləʊ/

(of wind) to move; also, to push air out of your mouth

Family: blows · blew · blown **Use it with:** blow out candles · blow your nose **Tip:** Past forms: blow, blew, have blown.

The wind **blew** my hat into the river.

cave n. /keɪv/

a large hole in the side of a hill or under the ground

Family: caves **Use it with:** inside a cave · explore a cave

Bats live in the dark **cave** near our village.

cloud n. /klaʊd/

a white or grey mass in the sky made of small drops of water

Family: clouds · cloudy (adj.) **Use it with:** dark clouds · a cloud of smoke

There isn’t a **cloud** in the sky today.

coast n. /kəʊst/

the land next to the sea

Family: coasts · coastal (adj.) **Use it with:** on the coast · the east coast

We drove along the **coast** and stopped at every beach.

desert n. /ˈdezət/

a large, dry area of land with very little rain

Family: deserts **Use it with:** in the desert · the Gobi Desert **Tip:** Stress on DE-sert. “Dessert” (sweet food) has two s’s.

It almost never rains in the **desert**.

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east n./adj. /iːst/

the direction where the sun comes up

Family: eastern (adj.) **Use it with:** the east coast · in the east · east of **Tip:** Compass order: north, east, south, west.

The sun rises in the **east** and sets in the west.

flower n. /ˈflaʊə/

the coloured part of a plant

Family: flowers **Use it with:** a bunch of flowers · grow flowers **Tip:** Sounds exactly like “flour”.

I picked a **flower** from the garden for my teacher.

garden n. /ˈgɑːdn/

a piece of land next to a house where you grow plants

Family: gardens · gardener (n.) **Use it with:** in the garden · a vegetable garden

Grandpa grows tomatoes in his **garden**.

grass n. /græs/

the thin green plant that covers lawns and fields

Family: grassy (adj.) **Use it with:** cut the grass · sit on the grass

Please don’t walk on the **grass**.

hill n. /hɪl/

high land, lower than a mountain

Family: hills **Use it with:** up the hill · a small hill

We climbed the **hill** behind the school to see the sunset.

island n. /ˈaɪlənd/

a piece of land with water all around it

Family: islands **Use it with:** on an island · a desert island **Tip:** The “s” is silent: EYE-land.

Hainan is a big **island** in the south of China.

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mountain n. /ˈmaʊntɪn/

very high land with steep sides

Family: mountains **Use it with:** climb a mountain · at the top of the mountain

It took us five hours to climb the **mountain**.

nature n. /ˈneɪtʃə/

plants, animals, the land and weather, not made by people

Family: natural (adj.) **Use it with:** in nature · nature lover · human nature

I love walking in **nature** and listening to the birds.

ocean n. /ˈəʊʃn/

a very large area of sea

Family: oceans **Use it with:** the Atlantic Ocean · in the ocean

The Pacific **Ocean** is the biggest in the world.

pond n. /pɒnd/

a small area of still water

Family: ponds **Use it with:** a fish pond · a duck pond

There are fish and frogs in the **pond** at the park.

rock n. /rɒk/

the hard material that mountains are made of; a large stone

Family: rocks · rocky (adj.) **Use it with:** a large rock · rock climbing **Tip:** Rock is also a kind of loud music.

We sat on a big **rock** and ate our lunch.

season n. /ˈsiːzn/

one of the four parts of the year

Family: seasons **Use it with:** the rainy season · four seasons

Winter is my favourite **season** because of the snow.

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seed n. /siːd/

the small hard part of a plant from which a new plant grows

Family: seeds **Use it with:** plant seeds · grow from a seed

We planted sunflower **seeds** in pots in the classroom.

shine v. /ʃaɪn/

to give out light, or to be bright

Family: shines · shone · shining **Use it with:** the sun shines · shine a light **Tip:** Past form: shone.

The sun was **shining**, so we went to the beach.

storm n. /stɔːm/

very bad weather with strong winds and rain

Family: storms · stormy (adj.) **Use it with:** a thunderstorm · a big storm

A big **storm** knocked down trees all over the city.

wave n./v. /weɪv/

a line of water moving across the sea; also, to move your hand to say hello

Family: waves · waved **Use it with:** big waves · wave goodbye · wave at someone

The **waves** were huge, so nobody could swim.

weather n. /ˈweðə/

how hot, cold, wet or windy it is outside

Use it with: good weather · bad weather · weather forecast **Tip:** Uncountable: “nice weather”, not “a nice weather”. Don’t confuse with “whether”.

What’s the **weather** like in Harbin in January? Freezing!

wood n. /wʊd/

the hard material that trees are made of; also, a small forest

Family: woods · wooden (adj.) **Use it with:** a piece of wood · in the woods

The old table is made of **wood**.

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Vocabulary and example	Write it

world n. /wɜːld/

the earth and all the people and places on it

Family: worlds **Use it with:** around the world · in the world · world famous

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the **world**.

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