Word Quest 3

List 8 · Nature and weather 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it

ash n. /æʃ/

the grey powder left after something burns

Family: ashes **Use it with:** volcanic ash · cigarette ash

Ash from the volcano covered the cars.

atmosphere n. /ˈætməsfɪə/

the air around the Earth; also, the feeling in a place

Family: atmospheres · atmospheric (adj.) **Use it with:** the Earth's atmosphere · a friendly atmosphere

The **atmosphere** at the concert was amazing.

bloom v./n. /bluːm/

(of a flower) to open

Family: blooms · bloomed **Use it with:** in bloom · in full bloom

The cherry trees **bloom** in April.

bud n. /bʌd/

a young flower or leaf before it opens

Family: buds **Use it with:** flower buds · taste buds **Tip:** Your "taste buds" are on your tongue.

The first green **buds** appeared on the trees.

climate n. /ˈklaɪmət/

the usual weather in a place

Family: climates **Use it with:** climate change · a warm climate **Tip:** Weather is today; "climate" is over many years.

Kunming has a mild **climate** all year.

continent n. /ˈkɒntɪnənt/

one of the seven large areas of land on Earth

Family: continents **Use it with:** the African continent

Africa is the second largest **continent**.

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ditch n. /dɪtʃ/

a long narrow hole by a road or field, for water

Family: ditches

The car slid off the road into a **ditch**.

erupt v. /ɪˈrʌpt/

(of a volcano) to throw out fire, rocks and smoke suddenly

Family: erupts · erupted · eruption (n.)

The volcano **erupted** last night.

forecast n./v. /ˈfɔːkɑːst/

a statement of what the weather will be

Family: forecasts **Use it with:** the weather forecast

The **forecast** says it will snow tomorrow.

frost n. /frɒst/

thin white ice that forms on cold surfaces at night

Family: frosty (adj.)

There was **frost** on the car windows this morning.

fume n. /fjuːm/

smoke or gas that smells bad and can be dangerous

Family: fumes **Use it with:** exhaust fumes **Tip:** Usually plural.

Car **fumes** make the air in cities dirty.

greenhouse n. /ˈgriːnhaʊs/

a glass building for growing plants

Family: greenhouses **Use it with:** the greenhouse effect **Tip:** The "greenhouse effect" is gases keeping heat near the Earth.

Grandpa grows tomatoes in his **greenhouse**.

Vocabulary and example	Write it

hail n. /heɪl/

small balls of ice that fall like rain

Family: hailstones **Use it with:** a hail storm

Hail broke the windows of our car.

humid adj. /ˈhjuːmɪd/

(of air) warm and wet

Family: humidity (n.) **Use it with:** hot and humid

Guangzhou is very **humid** in summer.

hurricane n. /ˈhʌrɪkeɪn/

a very strong storm with violent winds

Family: hurricanes **Tip:** In East Asia, these storms are called typhoons.

The **hurricane** destroyed hundreds of homes.

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