Word Quest 3

List 16 · Adventure and danger

Vocabulary and example	Write it

astronaut n. /ˈæstrənɔːt/

a person who travels into space

Family: astronauts **Tip:** China's astronauts are often called "taikonauts".

Yang Liwei was China's first **astronaut**.

bow n. /bəʊ/

a curved stick with a string, for shooting arrows; also, a knot with two loops

Family: bows **Use it with:** a bow and arrow · tie a bow **Tip:** Rhymes with "go". The verb "bow" (bend forward to say hello) rhymes with "now".

The hunter pulled back the string of his **bow**.

comet n. /ˈkɒmɪt/

a bright object in space with a long tail of light

Family: comets **Use it with:** Halley's comet

A **comet** passes near the Earth every 76 years.

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defense n. /dɪˈfens/

protecting someone or something from attack

Family: defend (v.) · defensive (adj.) **Use it with:** in defense of · self-defense **Tip:** American spelling; British English writes "defence".

The castle walls were the city's main **defense**.

disaster n. /dɪˈzæstə/

a sudden event that causes great damage

Family: disasters · disastrous (adj.) **Use it with:** a natural disaster

The flood was a **disaster** for the town.

emergency n. /ɪˈmɜːdʒənsi/

a sudden dangerous situation that needs action quickly

Family: emergencies **Use it with:** an emergency exit · in an emergency

In an **emergency**, call 110.

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explode v. /ekˈspləʊd/

to burst with a loud noise and great force

Family: explodes · exploded · explosion (n.)

The firework **exploded** in the sky.

flee v. /fliː/

to run away from danger

Family: flees · fled **Use it with:** flee from

People **fled** from the burning building.

harm n./v. /hɑːm/

hurt or damage

Family: harms · harmed · harmful (adj.) **Use it with:** do harm · no harm

The storm didn't do any **harm** to our house.

hit v./n. /hɪt/

to touch something hard and fast; also, a very popular song or film

Family: hits · hit **Use it with:** a big hit · hit the target

The ball **hit** the window.

investigate v. /ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt/

to try to find out the facts about something

Family: investigates · investigated · investigation (n.)

The police are **investigating** the robbery.

mission n. /ˈmɪʃn/

an important job, often far away

Family: missions **Use it with:** a space mission · on a mission

The **mission** to the moon was a success.

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mystery n. /ˈmɪstəri/

something strange that nobody can explain

Family: mysteries · mysterious (adj.) **Use it with:** a murder mystery · solve a mystery

How the cat got onto the roof is a **mystery**.

satellite n. /ˈsætəlaɪt/

an object that goes around the Earth, used to send signals

Family: satellites **Use it with:** a weather satellite

TV pictures are sent by **satellite**.

shelter n./v. /ˈʃeltə/

a place that protects you from bad weather or danger

Family: shelters · sheltered **Use it with:** take shelter · an animal shelter

We took **shelter** under a tree.

survive v. /səˈvaɪv/

to continue to live after danger

Family: survives · survived · survival (n.) · survivor (n.) **Use it with:** survive an accident

Only two people **survived** the plane crash.

telescope n. /ˈtelɪskəʊp/

a tube with glass in it that makes faraway things look closer

Family: telescopes

We looked at the moon through a **telescope**.

trap n./v. /træp/

something used to catch animals; or to keep someone in a place they can't leave

Family: traps · trapped **Use it with:** set a trap · be trapped

The mouse ran into the **trap**.

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treasure n. /ˈtreʒə/

gold, jewels or other valuable things

Family: treasures **Use it with:** buried treasure · a treasure hunt

The pirates hid their **treasure** on an island.