Word Quest 4

List 8 · Nature and weather

Vocabulary and example	Write it

arctic adj. /ˈɑːktɪk/

about the very cold area around the North Pole; also, extremely cold

Use it with: the Arctic Ocean **Tip:** Usually a capital A for the place.

Polar bears live in the **Arctic** region.

boundary n. /ˈbaʊndəri/

a line that marks the edge of an area

Family: boundaries

The river forms the **boundary** between the two villages.

channel n. /ˈtʃænl/

a narrow area of water between two pieces of land; also, a TV station

Family: channels **Use it with:** a TV channel

Ships pass through the narrow **channel**.

conserve v. /kənˈsɜːv/

to protect something and not waste it

Family: conserves · conserved · conservation (n.)

Turn off lights to **conserve** energy.

current n./adj. /ˈkʌrənt/

a flow of water, air or electricity; or happening now

Family: currents · currently (adv.) **Use it with:** a strong current · current events

The **current** pulled the boat out to sea.

drought n. /draʊt/

a long time with no rain

Family: droughts **Tip:** Pronounced “drout”.

The **drought** killed the crops.

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ecology n. /eˈkɒlədʒi/

the study of living things and their environment

Family: ecological (adj.)

We studied the **ecology** of the wetland.

equator n. /ɪˈkweɪtə/

the imaginary line around the middle of the Earth

Family: equatorial (adj.)

Singapore is close to the **equator**.

fertile adj. /ˈfɜːtaɪl/

(of land) able to grow good crops

Family: fertility (n.) **Use it with:** fertile land

The soil by the river is very **fertile**.

glacier n. /ˈgleɪʃə/

a huge river of ice that moves very slowly

Family: glaciers

The **glacier** is melting faster every year.

habitat n. /ˈhæbɪtæt/

the natural home of an animal or plant

Family: habitats

The forest is the panda’s natural **habitat**.

horizon n. /həˈraɪzn/

the line where the sky seems to meet the land or sea

Family: horizons **Use it with:** on the horizon

The sun sank below the **horizon**.

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inhabit v. /ɪnˈhæbɪt/

to live in a place

Family: inhabits · inhabited · inhabitant (n.)

Penguins **inhabit** the Antarctic.

latitude n. /ˈlætɪtjuːd/

how far north or south of the equator a place is

Tip: Lines of latitude go across a map; longitude goes up and down.

Beijing and Madrid are at about the same **latitude**.

marble n. /ˈmɑːbl/

a hard, smooth stone used for buildings and statues

Family: marbles **Tip:** Marbles are also small glass balls for a children's game.

The palace floor is made of white **marble**.

marine adj. /məˈriːn/

about the sea

Use it with: marine life · marine biology

Whales are **marine** animals.

moisture n. /ˈmɔɪstʃə/

small drops of water in the air or on something

Family: moist (adj.)

Plants take **moisture** from the soil.

polar adj. /ˈpəʊlə/

about the North or South Pole

Use it with: polar ice

Polar bears are excellent swimmers.

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puddle n. /ˈpʌdl/

a small pool of water on the ground

Family: puddles

The kids jumped in every **puddle**.

rural adj. /ˈrʊərəl/

about the countryside

Use it with: rural life **Tip:** Opposite: urban.

My grandparents live in a **rural** area.

steep adj. /stiːp/

rising or falling quickly

Family: steeper · steeply (adv.)

The path up the mountain was very **steep**.

summit n. /ˈsʌmɪt/

the top of a mountain; also, an important meeting of leaders

Family: summits

We reached the **summit** at noon.

swamp n. /swɒmp/

an area of soft wet land

Family: swamps

Crocodiles live in the **swamp**.

tobacco n. /təˈbækəʊ/

the dried leaves that people smoke in cigarettes

Tobacco is grown in Yunnan.

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typhoon n. /taɪˈfuːn/

a violent tropical storm in East Asia

Family: typhoons

The **typhoon** closed all the schools.

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