Word Quest 5

List 6 · Nature and weather

Vocabulary and example	Write it
arid adj. /ˈærɪd/ very dry, with little rain Few plants grow in the **arid** desert.	
avalanche n. /ˈævəlænʃ/ a large amount of snow falling down a mountain **Family:** avalanches The **avalanche** closed the mountain road.	
biodegradable adj. /ˌbaɪəʊdɪˈgreɪdəbl/ able to break down naturally without harming nature Use **biodegradable** bags instead of plastic ones.	
coastline n. /ˈkəʊstlaɪn/ the land along the sea **Family:** coastlines The **coastline** of Hainan is beautiful.	
decay v./n. /dɪˈkeɪ/ to slowly go bad or break down **Family:** decays · decayed **Use it with:** tooth decay Sugar makes your teeth **decay**.	
dusk n. /dʌsk/ the time when it starts to get dark in the evening **Use it with:** at dusk **Tip:** Opposite: dawn. Bats come out at **dusk**.	

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extinction n. /ekˈstɪŋkʃn/

when a type of animal or plant stops existing

Family: extinct (adj.)

Many frogs face **extinction**.

grove n. /grəʊv/

a small group of trees

Family: groves

We had a picnic in an orange **grove**.

hemisphere n. /ˈhemɪsfɪə/

one half of the Earth

Family: hemispheres

Australia is in the southern **hemisphere**.

limb n. /lɪm/

an arm or leg; also, a large branch of a tree

Family: limbs

The tree lost a **limb** in the storm.

lush adj. /lʌʃ/

(of plants) thick, green and healthy

Family: lusher

The valley is **lush** after the rainy season.

nectar n. /ˈnektə/

the sweet liquid in flowers that bees collect

Bees collect **nectar** to make honey.

ore n. /ɔː/

rock from which metal can be taken

Family: ores **Use it with:** iron ore

Iron **ore** is mined in Australia.

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peninsula n. /pəˈnɪnsjʊlə/

land almost surrounded by water

Family: peninsulas

Shandong is on a **peninsula**.

petroleum n. /pəˈtrəʊliːəm/

oil from under the ground, used to make petrol

Petroleum is used to make plastic.

preserve v. /prɪˈzɜːv/

to keep something in good condition

Family: preserves · preserved · preservation (n.)

The museum **preserves** old paintings.

slate n. /sleɪt/

a dark grey stone that splits into thin flat pieces

Family: slates

The old house has a **slate** roof.

thorn n. /θɔːn/

a sharp point on a plant's stem

Family: thorns · thorny (adj.)

Roses have **thorns**.

turf n. /tɜːf/

short grass and the soil under it

The football field has new **turf**.

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