Word Quest 5

List 6 · Nature and weather

Vocabulary and example	Write it

arid adj. /'ærɪd/

very dry, with little rain

Few plants grow in the **arid** desert.

avalanche n. /'ævəlænʃ/

a large amount of snow falling down a mountain

Family: avalanches

The **avalanche** closed the mountain road.

biodegradable adj. /ˌbaɪəʊdɪ'greɪdəbl/

able to break down naturally without harming nature

Use **biodegradable** bags instead of plastic ones.

coastline n. /'kəʊstlaɪn/

the land along the sea

Family: coastlines

The **coastline** of Hainan is beautiful.

decay v./n. /dɪ'keɪ/

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. /ek'stɪŋkʃn/

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. /'hemɪsfɪə/

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. /'nektə/

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.

Vocabulary and example	Write it
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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