Word Quest 6

List 8 · Nature and weather

Vocabulary and example	Write it
aquatic adj. /əˈkwætɪk/ living in or about water **Use it with:** aquatic plants Frogs and fish are **aquatic** animals.	
biosphere n. /ˌbaɪəʊsˈfɪə/ the part of the Earth where life exists Humans are changing the **biosphere**.	
contaminate v. /kənˈtæmɪneɪt/ to make something dirty or poisonous **Family:** contaminates · contaminated · contamination (n.) Chemicals **contaminated** the river.	
cultivate v. /ˈkʌltɪveɪt/ to grow crops; also, to develop a skill or relationship **Family:** cultivates · cultivated · cultivation (n.) The farmers **cultivate** rice and tea.	
cyclone n. /ˈsaɪkləʊn/ a violent tropical storm with spinning winds **Family:** cyclones The **cyclone** hit the coast at night.	
erosion n. /ɪˈrəʊʒn/ the slow wearing away of rock or soil by wind or water **Family:** erode (v.) Trees help prevent soil **erosion**.	

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indigenous adj. /ɪnˈdɪdʒənəs/

originally living in a place

Use it with: indigenous people

The kangaroo is **indigenous** to Australia.

outback n. /ˈaʊtbæk/

the dry, empty inland area of Australia

They drove for days through the **outback**.

pollutant n. /pəˈluːtənt/

a substance that makes air, water or soil dirty

Family: pollutants · pollute (v.)

Car exhaust is a major **pollutant**.

prairie n. /ˈpreəri/

a large area of flat grassland, especially in North America

Family: prairies

Buffalo once roamed the **prairie**.

rugged adj. /ˈrʌgɪd/

rough and uneven; also, strong

The coast is **rugged** and wild.

terrain n. /təˈreɪn/

land, especially its physical features

The **terrain** was rocky and steep.

tract n. /trækt/

a large area of land; also, a system of organs

Family: tracts **Use it with:** the digestive tract

A huge **tract** of forest was cut down.

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wooded adj. /ˈwʊdɪd/ covered with trees We walked through a **wooded** valley.	

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