Word Quest 6

List 27 · The natural world

Vocabulary and example	Write it

astrology n. /əˈstrɒlədʒi/

the belief that stars and planets affect people's lives

Family: astrologer (n.) **Tip:** Not the same as astronomy, the science of stars.

She reads her **astrology** column every day.

camouflage n./v. /ˈkæməflɑːʒ/

colours or patterns that help something hide

Family: camouflages · camouflaged

The lizard's **camouflage** makes it hard to see.

captive adj./n. /ˈkæptɪv/

kept as a prisoner; also, kept in a cage

Family: captives · captivity (n.) **Use it with:** in captivity

Captive pandas live longer than wild ones.

casualty n. /ˈkæʒuːəlti/

a person hurt or killed in an accident or war

Family: casualties

There were no **casualties** in the fire.

contend v. /kənˈtend/

to deal with a difficulty; also, to claim

Family: contends · contended **Use it with:** contend with

Farmers must **contend** with floods.

devastate v. /ˈdevɪsteɪt/

to destroy completely; also, to make someone very upset

Family: devastates · devastated · devastating (adj.)

The storm **devastated** the island.

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offspring n. /ˈɒfspɹɪŋ/

the babies or young of a person or animal

Tip: Plural is also “offspring”.

A cat can have dozens of **offspring**.

parasite n. /ˈpærəsaɪt/

a living thing that lives on another and takes food from it

Family: parasites · parasitic (adj.)

Fleas are **parasites**.

pasture n. /ˈpæstʃə/

land with grass where animals eat

Family: pastures

The cows are in the **pasture**.

plantation n. /plænˈteɪʃn/

a large farm growing one crop, like tea or rubber

Family: plantations

We visited a tea **plantation** in Yunnan.

poultry n. /ˈpəʊltri/

farm birds like chickens and ducks

The farm raises **poultry**.

primate n. /ˈpraɪmeɪt/

a member of the group of animals including monkeys, apes and humans

Family: primates

Gorillas are the largest **primates**.

psychic adj./n. /ˈsaɪkɪk/

claiming to know the future or read minds

Family: psychics **Tip:** The “p” is silent: SY-kik.

She says she’s **psychic**.

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sanctuary n. /ˈsæŋktjuːəri/

a safe place, especially for animals

Family: sanctuaries

The bird **sanctuary** protects rare species.

sinister adj. /ˈsɪnɪstə/

seeming evil or dangerous

There was something **sinister** about the house.

subject n./v. /ˈsʌbdʒekt/

a topic; also, to make someone experience something bad

Family: subjects · subjected **Use it with:** subject to **Tip:** Stress: noun SUB-ject; verb sub-JECT.

The animals were **subjected** to cruel tests.

termite n. /ˈtɜːmaɪt/

an insect that eats wood

Family: termites

Termites destroyed the old house.

venture v./n. /ˈventʃə/

to go somewhere dangerous; also, a risky new business

Family: ventures · ventured

We **ventured** into the forest.

whereabouts n. /ˈweərəbaʊts/

the place where someone or something is

The **whereabouts** of the missing dog are unknown.

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