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Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, has officially been renamed to its traditional name K'gari (pronounced GAR-ree). The paradise island, off the coast of Queensland, Australia, is a popular tourist spot. It is also the home of the Butchulla, the indigenous Australians who have made the island their settlement for about 60,000 to 70,000 years. With the restoration of its true name by the government comes **adjustments** to maps and road signs, but the change has greater **symbolism** to the Butchulla people than that. Their language and cultural coordinator said, "K'gari means to me, home. Home amongst my people, the descendants". K'gari was where, in the 1830s, British captain James Fraser was shipwrecked with his wife Eliza Fraser and their crew. James and his crew died, but after Eliza was later rescued the landmark became known as Fraser Island. In 1992 UNESCO saw the island's significance and listed it as a heritage site. K'gari is quite distinctive. It has no roads, around 100 freshwater lakes, and the **phenomenon** of having the world's only rainforest on sand. The campaign to have the island renamed has taken many years, but in 2021 the idea was embraced more seriously by the Australian government. In 2022 a public consultation was held and 70% of the **submissions** received were in favour of the change. The event was marked with a ceremony and an island elder said they hope the change brings inspiration to other people.

Q1. _____

Finish the sentences "I like to visit the beach before/after..."

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean: *plan – special fact – votes – meaning – native – recognisable – changes – topical – place – community*

Q3. _____

What does the italicised phrase below mean – *understood, written, or taken*?

the idea was *embraced* more seriously

Q4. _____

True or false:

1. Fraser Island is now a private island.
2. The government have to keep Fraser Island as a legal name.
3. A statue of James and Eliza Fraser was also removed.
4. The government were hesitant to rename the island.
5. The majority of people wanted to see the island renamed

Q5. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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| 1. restoration | A. local |
| 2. indigenous | B. senior |
| 3. consultation | C. manager |
| 4. coordinator | D. return |
| 5. elder | E. discussion |

Q6. _____

Spell the words correctly:

1. s d a r a e p i
2. m s l y s m b o i
3. d l a m k n a r
4. m a n a i p g c
5. r e l e d

Q7. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

Should places be renamed to recognise earlier populations or languages?

How much do you plan your holiday in advance?

What kind of maps or guidebooks do you ever use and why?

Q8. _____

15 C1 lesson keywords: underlined in text.