

Inspiration after Fraser Island renamed K'gari

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Warm-up activities and vocabulary

Activities:

What adjectives describe the word *home*?

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

You become shipwrecked on a deserted island. You only manage to save ten things from the wreckage in order to survive. What do you save?

Vocabulary:

1. Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

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| A. <i>tropical</i> (paragraph 1) | p... |
| B. <i>native</i> (paragraph 1) | i... |
| C. <i>community</i> (paragraph 1) | s... |
| D. <i>changes</i> (paragraph 2) | a... |
| E. <i>meaning</i> (paragraph 2) | s... |
| F. <i>place</i> (paragraph 3) | l... |
| G. <i>recognisable</i> (paragraph 3) | d... |
| H. <i>special fact</i> (paragraph 3) | p... |
| I. <i>plan</i> (paragraph 4) | c... |
| J. <i>votes</i> (paragraph 4) | s... |

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

the idea was *embraced* more seriously

3. Which word below doesn't belong?

descendant – elder – symbolism – coordinator

Reading comprehension true or false

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| 1. Fraser Island is now a private island. | True / False |
| 2. The Butchulla people called the island K'gari. | True / False |
| 3. The government have to keep Fraser Island as a legal name. | True / False |
| 4. K'gari has its own symbol which is tattooed onto residents. | True / False |
| 5. The Butchulla people will now have to leave the island. | True / False |
| 6. A statue of James and Eliza Fraser was also removed. | True / False |
| 7. K'gari has a special rainforest. | True / False |
| 8. The government were hesitant to rename the island. | True / False |
| 9. The majority of people wanted to see the island renamed. | True / False |
| 10. Butchulla members believe their story may help others. | True / False |

Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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| 1. public | A. signs |
| 2. paradise | B. spot |
| 3. indigenous | C. inspiration |
| 4. brings | D. island |
| 5. heritage | E. site |
| 6. off the | F. elder |
| 7. road | G. Australians |
| 8. an island | H. consultation |
| 9. freshwater | I. coast of |
| 10. tourist | J. lakes |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. distinct | A. unimportant |
| 2. official | B. common |
| 3. significant | C. casual |

Grammar gap-fill cloze: nominalisations

Change the verbs into their noun forms before putting them in the correct spaces.

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| A. symbolise | F. descend |
| B. consult | G. restore |
| C. signify | H. submit |
| D. inspire | I. settle |
| E. adjust | J. coordinate |

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Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

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| 1. A. parade | B. produce | C. primary | D. paradise |
| 2. A. unoriginal | B. indigenous | C. reorganised | D. detached |
| 3. A. settle | B. settling | C. settlement | D. setting |
| 4. A. removal | B. renovation | C. restoration | D. reminder |
| 5. A. coordinator | B. employer | C. coordinates | D. employment |
| 6. A. ruined | B. shipwrecked | C. collected | D. destroyed |
| 7. A. remains | B. landmark | C. tourism | D. hindsight |
| 8. A. inheritance | B. habitat | C. hermit | D. heritage |
| 9. A. campaign | B. mission | C. intent | D. operation |
| 10. A. embarked | B. defined | C. embraced | D. reflected |

Writing cloze

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| 1. fyfilciloa | 6. mslysmboi | 11. ictseivtdni |
| 2. sdaraepi | 7. norotidroca | 12. manaipgc |
| 3. deiniounsg | 8. hwsckepdre | 13. ercmedab |
| 4. etsnlitetme | 9. dlamknar | 14. reled |
| 5. tnsroetioar | 10. grtiehae | 15. rntiaisnpio |

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Fill-in first letters

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Cool-down discussion, keywords, and game

Discussion questions:

- Should places be renamed to recognise earlier populations or languages?
- How much do you plan your holiday in advance?
- What activities are there to do on a beach?
- What is the oldest place or landmark you've ever visited?
- What kind of maps or guidebooks do you ever use and why?

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(a = adjective / n = noun / v = verb)

campaign (n/v), coordinator (n), embrace (n/v), heritage (n), indigenous (a),
landmark (a/n), paradise (n), restoration (n), settlement (n), shipwreck (n/v)

Language game:

How many words can you make from the letters in *paradise*? Write them below.

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities and vocabulary

1. A. paradise, B. indigenous, C. settlement, D. adjustments, E. symbolism, F. landmark, G. distinctive, H. phenomenon, I. campaign, J. submissions
2. taken
3. symbolism (the others describe people)

Page 3 Reading comprehension true or false

1F, 2T, 3F, 4F, 5F, 6F, 7T, 8T, 9T, 10T

Page 4 Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Phrases 1H, 2D, 3G, 4C, 5E, 6I, 7A, 8F, 9J, 10B
Synonyms 1D, 2A, 3E, 4C, 5B
Antonyms 1B, 2C, 3A

Page 5 Grammar gap-fill cloze: nominalisations

1I settlement, 2G restoration, 3E adjustments, 4A symbolism, 5J coordinator,
6F descendants, 7C significance, 8B consultation, 9H submissions,
10D inspiration

Page 6 Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

1D, 2B, 3C, 4C, 5A, 6B, 7B, 8D, 9A, 10C

Page 7 Writing cloze

1. officially, 2. paradise, 3. indigenous, 4. settlement, 5. restoration,
6. symbolism, 7. coordinator, 8. shipwrecked, 9. landmark, 10. heritage,
11. distinctive, 12. campaign, 13. embraced, 14. elder, 15. inspiration

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