

Inspiration after Fraser Island renamed K'gari

B2+/C1 Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, has officially been renamed to its traditional name K'gari (pronounced *GAR-ree*). The 1. _____ island, off the coast of Queensland, Australia, is a popular tourist spot. It is also the home of the Butchulla, the 2. _____ Australians who have made the island their 3. _____ for about 60,000 to 70,000 years.

With the 4. _____ 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 5. _____ 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 6. _____ with his wife Eliza Fraser and their crew. James and his crew died, but after Eliza was later rescued the 7. _____ became known as Fraser Island. In 1992 UNESCO saw the island's significance and listed it as a 8. _____ 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 9. _____ to have the island renamed has taken many years, but in 2021 the idea was 10. _____ 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.

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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 |

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Answers

- 1D paradise
- 2B indigenous
- 3C settlement
- 4C restoration
- 5A coordinator
- 6B shipwrecked
- 7B landmark
- 8D heritage
- 9A campaign
- 10C embraced

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