

Day 5 Passage – Wordlist

vanish – B2 to disappear or stop being present or existing, especially in a sudden, surprising way:

- *The child vanished while on her way home from school.*

preserve – B2 to keep something as it is, especially in order to prevent it from decaying or being damaged or destroyed:

- *to preserve the environment*
- *We want to preserve the character of the town while improving the facilities.*

heritage – C2 features belonging to the culture of a particular society, such as traditions, languages, or buildings, that were created in the past and still have historical importance:

- *These monuments are a vital part of the cultural heritage of South America.*

scour – to search a place or thing very carefully in order to try to find something:

- *The police are scouring the countryside for the missing child.*

allure – the quality of being attractive, interesting, or exciting:

- *the allure of working in television*

a whiff of sth – a slight sign of something:

- *They regularly hold elections without a whiff of corruption or violence.*

halt – to (cause to) stop moving or doing something or happening:

- *"Halt!" called the guard. "You can't go any further without a permit."*

pioneer – C2 a person who is one of the first people to do something:

- *one of the pioneers of modern science a pioneer heart surgeon*

heady – having a powerful effect, making you feel slightly drunk or excited:

- *a heady wine/perfume*

pressing – urgent or needing to be dealt with immediately:

- *a pressing need for housing*

endangered – B2 animals or plants that may soon not exist because there are very few now alive

-bearing – suffix → supporting or holding the stated thing:

- *a load-bearing wall*

staple – basic or main; standard or regular:

- *The staple diet here is mutton, fish and boiled potatoes.*

scratch/scrape the surface – to deal with only a very small part of a subject or a problem:

- *There's far more to be said - I've only had time to scratch the surface in this talk.*

ensure (US also insure) – B2 to make something certain to happen:

- *The airline is taking steps to ensure safety on its aircraft.*

deviate – to do something that is different from the usual or common way of behaving:

- *The recent pattern of weather deviates from the norm for this time of year.*

arise – C1 to happen:

- *Should the opportunity arise, I'd love to go to China.*

stumble across/on/upon sth/sb – C2 to discover something by chance, or to meet someone by chance:

- *Workmen stumbled upon the mosaic while digging foundations for a new building.*