

VOCABULARY

Match the vocabulary with the definitions.

1. **In·spire** /ɪnˈspaɪr/ **verb** _____
2. **Ex·ot·ic** /ɪgˈzɒtɪk/ **adjective** _____
3. **Warn** /wɔːrn/ **verb** _____
4. **Ex·plore** /ɪkˈsplɔːr/ **verb** _____
5. **Sat·is·fied** /ˈsætəsfaɪd/ **adjective** _____

- a. To tell someone that something bad or dangerous may happen, so that they can avoid it or prevent it.
- b. Something that is exotic seems unusual and interesting because it is related to a foreign country – use this to show approval.
- c. Feeling that something is as good as it should be, or that something has happened in the way that you want
- d. To encourage someone by making them feel confident and eager to do something.
- e. To discuss or think about something carefully.

READING COMPREHENSION

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

regrets	warn	inspire	unreachable	explore
exotic	planet	someday	about	satisfied

What's on Your Bucket List?

Many self-help books suggest that you should make your dreams come true. Anyone can have a perfect life (or an almost perfect life), but you need focus and hard work. Many of these books also (a. _____) about regrets. If there are too many (b. _____), then people are less happy and (c. _____).

To be truthful, a perfect life is (d. _____). For example, most people can't write a best-selling novel or get rich with a start-up business, both of which are two common dreams. Responsibilities like family, a mortgage, and work must come first. Daily life can be boring too. However, the self-help books are right (e. _____) one idea: the bucket list.

A bucket list is a "to do" list before you kick the bucket. Or, in other words, a "to do" list before you die. Many people want to learn a foreign language (f. _____), skydive, or travel to (g. _____) locations around the world. The list should (h. _____) you to try new, imaginative, and colorful acts. You should (i. _____) your imagination. In addition, the list can contain items that make other people's lives better. However, you don't have to live each day as though it were your last day on the (j. _____).

So what's on your bucket list?

Choose TRUE or FALSE

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| a. According to the self-help books, it's easy to have a dream life. | T | F |
| b. According to the article, responsibilities make a dream life impossible. | T | F |
| c. Human nature requires every day be the same. | T | F |
| d. The best lists seek pleasure and fun for the writer of the list only. | T | F |
| e. A bucket list means to live every day as though it were your last day alive. | T | F |

