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Lesson 6.1

Anthropocene

Definition	a proposed new geological epoch during which our species has become the dominant force for change in the biosphere
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The Anthropocene marks the end of the Holocene epoch, about the time of the Industrial Revolution, about 250 years ago.

energy

Definition	the ability to do work, associated with heat and light
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	There are many forms of energy, including kinetic energy, potential energy, and chemical energy.

fossil fuel

Definition	a carbon-based material such as coal, oil, or natural gas that can be used as an energy source
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Fossil fuels were originally formed when the remains of living organisms were buried and broken down by intense heat and pressure over millions of years.

globalization

Definition	the process or idea of the world becoming more like that of a single nation with one shared economy and culture rather than separate, distinct countries
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Today, we are living in an era of economic globalization.

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population

Definition	the group or number of inhabitants, human or otherwise, of a particular category in a place
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	To feed the growing population of the world, food production must increase.

world zone

Definition	a large region of human interaction, linked by geography, culture, economy, and sometimes politics
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The barriers between world zones have practically disappear with colonization, mass trade, and more recently globalization.

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Columbian Exchange

Definition	the transfer of goods, people, ideas, and diseases between the Americas and Afro-Eurasia that began after 1492 CE
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Tomatoes and potatoes traveled from the Americas to Afro-Eurasia during the Columbian Exchange.

biodiversity

Definition	the variety of life forms in a habitat, whether that habitat is a local environment or an entire planet
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Climate change threatens the current biodiversity that exists on our planet.

cash crop

Definition	a crop grown for sale to others rather than for personal use
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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	During the 1800s, tobacco was the biggest cash crop in the United States.

economy

Definition	the system, within a particular country, or region, of handling wealth and resources, producing goods and services, and consuming goods and services
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The American economy was particularly strong in the 1950s.

transatlantic slave trade

Definition	the buying and selling of enslaved human beings from Africa to the Americas
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The transatlantic slave trade led to the forced relocation of millions of Africans into new forms of slavery.

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factory

Definition	a building or set of buildings where products are manufactured
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	I pass by the bread factory on my way to work every morning and it always smells delicious.

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industrialization

Definition	the introduction of industry into a country or region
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Industrialization improved the country's economy.

labor

Definition	physical and mental effort in the performance of work
Part of speech	noun/verb
Use in sentence	Clearing the land for farming required vast amounts of labor.

reform

Definition	the improvement of wrong or bad conditions
Part of speech	noun/verb
Use in sentence	People with a wide variety of occupations demanded labor reforms.

suffrage

Definition	the right to vote in a political election
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Some states imposed obstacles to restrict the suffrage of African Americans.

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urbanization

Definition	the growth of cities, usually due to the movement of people from rural areas to cities
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	As people shifted to factory work, urbanization increased.

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acceleration

Definition	the act or process of increasing the speed or rate of something
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The car's quick acceleration allowed her to pass the truck safely.

climate

Definition	the weather conditions in a place, averaged over several years or decades
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Antarctica is known for both its cold climate and its penguins.

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nuclear

Definition	of, pertaining to, or using atomic nuclei
Part of speech	adjective
Use in sentence	Nuclear energy is generated by splitting atoms to create energy.

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