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Words

节约 節約
jiéyuē to economize / to conserve (resources) / economy / frugal

> 请节约用电。
> Qǐng jiéyuē yòng diàn.
> Please save electricity.

浪费 浪費
làngfèi to waste / to squander

> 你在浪费水。
> Nǐ zài làngfèi shuǐ.
> You're wasting water.

森林
sēnlín forest

> 森林里下雨了。
> Sēnlín lǐ xiàyǔle.
> It had rained in the forest.

资源 資源
zīyuán natural resource (such as water or minerals) / resource (such as manpower or tourism)

> 地球上的资源是有限的。
> Dìqiú shàng de zīyuán shì yǒuxiàn de.
> The resources on Earth are limited.

开发 開發
kāifā to exploit (a resource) / to open up (for development) / to develop

> 政府打算开发这片山区。
> Zhèngfǔ dǎsuàn kāifā zhè piàn shānqū.
> The government plans to develop this mountain area.

珍惜
zhēnxī to treasure / to value / to cherish

> 她很珍惜爷爷送的手表。
> Tā hěn zhēnxī yéye sòng de shǒubiǎo.
> She treasures the watch her grandfather gave her.

土地
tǔdì land / soil / territory
tǔdi local god / genius loci

> 河边的土地特别肥沃。
> Hébiān de tǔdì tèbié féiwò.
> The land by the river is especially fertile.

汽油
qìyóu gasoline

> 汽油的价格又涨了。
> Qìyóu de jiàgé yòu zhǎngle.
> The price of gasoline has gone up again.

黄金 黃金
huángjīn gold / golden (opportunity) / prime (time)

> 银行里可以买黄金吗?
> Yínháng lǐ kěyǐ mǎi huángjīn ma?
> Can you buy gold at the bank?

能源
néngyuán energy sources / energy

> 太阳能是可再生的能源。
> Tàiyángnéng shì kězàishēng de néngyuán.
> Solar power is a renewable source of energy.

石油
shíyóu oil / petroleum

> 我们国家不缺石油。
> Wǒmen guójiā bù quē shíyóu.
> We are not short of oil in this country.

金属 金屬
jīnshǔ metal

> 铜和银都是金属。
> Tóng hé yín dōu shì jīnshǔ.
> Copper and silver are both metals.

太阳能 太陽能
tàiyángnéng solar energy

> 太阳能有益于环保。
> Tàiyángnéng yǒuyì yú huánbǎo.
> Solar power is environmentally friendly.

燃料
ránliào fuel

> 船上的燃料还够用吗?
> Chuán shàng de ránliào hái gòuyòng ma?
> Is there still enough fuel on the ship?

天然气 天然氣
tiānránqì natural gas

> 天然气的价格上升。
> Tiānránqì de jiàgé shàngshēng.
> The price of gas is rising.

可再生

kězàishēng (of energy, natural resources etc) renewable

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储存 儲存

chǔcún stockpile / to store / to stockpile / storage

这些照片都储存在我的手机里。
Zhèxiē zhàopiān dōu chǔcún zài wǒ de shǒujī lǐ.
These photos are all stored on my phone.

短缺

duǎnquē shortage

最近的咖啡短缺带来了许多问题。
Zuìjìn de kāfēi duǎnquē dàiláile xǔduō wèntí.
The recent shortage of coffee has given rise to a lot of problems.

风力 風力

fēnglì wind force / wind power

今天的风力有六级。
Jīntiān de fēnglì yǒu liù jí.
The wind force today is level six.

水力

shuǐlì hydraulic power

水力比烧煤干净多了。
Shuǐlì bǐ shāoméi gānjìng duō le.
Hydropower is much cleaner than burning coal.

电力 電力

diànlì electrical power / electricity

我父亲在电力公司工作。
Wǒ fùqīn zài diànlì gōngsī gōngzuò.
My father works for a power company.

发电 發電

fādiàn to generate electricity / to send a telegram

风车转起来就能发电。
Fēngchē zhuàn qǐlai jiù néng fādiàn.
Once the wind turbine spins, it can generate electricity.

新能源

xīnnéngyuán new energy / alternative energy (energy from nontraditional sources, such as solar, wind, nuclear and hydrogen energy)

我打算买一辆新能源汽车。
Wǒ dǎsuàn mǎi yí liàng xīnnéngyuán qìchē.
I plan to buy a new energy vehicle.

水库 水庫

shuǐkù reservoir

水库的水快满了。
Shuǐkù de shuǐ kuài mǎnle.
The reservoir is almost full.

节能 節能

jiénéng to conserve energy / to minimize energy consumption

这辆车既环保又节能。
Zhè liàng chē jì huánbǎo yòu jiénéng.
This car is both eco-friendly and energy-saving.

铜 銅

tóng copper (chemistry)

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煤

méi coal

煤并不一定都是黑的。
Méi bìng bù yídìng dū shì hēi de.
Coal is not always black.

木材

mùcái wood

他们要发送木材给我们。
Tāmen yào fāsòng mùcái gěi wǒmen.
They will send us lumber.

井

jǐng a well / orderly / neat / Jing, one of the 28 constellations of Chinese astronomy / surname Jing

他终于到了绝望之井。
Tā zhōngyú dàole juéwàng zhī jǐng.
At last, he arrived at the Well of Despair.

自来水 自來水

zìláishuǐ running water / tap water

山上的村子还没有自来水。
Shānshàng de cūnzi hái méiyǒu zìláishuǐ.
The village up in the mountains still has no running water.