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1. **all eyes are on something** (phrase) - everyone is watching something and waiting to see what will happen.
2. **26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)** (noun) – The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is expected to take place from 01-12 November 2021, in Glasgow, UK. The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
3. **rather than** (phrase) – instead of.
4. **net zero emissions/carbon neutrality** (noun) – it means annual zero net CO2 emissions; Carbon neutrality means every ton of anthropogenic (human-caused or influenced) CO2 emitted is compensated with an equivalent amount of CO2 removed (e.g. via carbon sink or carbon sequestration).
5. **distant** (adjective) – faraway, far off, far.
6. **set the stage for** (phrase) – prepare the circumstances for the beginning of something.
7. **preparatory** (adjective) - preliminary, initial, introductory.
8. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
9. **persuade** (verb) – convince, persuade, coax, prevail on.
10. **Nationally determined contributions (NDCs)** (noun) – NDCs are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of these long-term goals. NDCs embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
11. **Climate Treaty or Paris Agreement/Accord/pact** (noun) – The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.
12. **woefully** (adverb) – very badly; deplorably, sadly/regrettably.
13. **short of** (phrase) – less than.
14. **de facto** (adjective) – Latin, literally ‘of fact’; existing, actual, effective.

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15. **pre-industrial level** (noun) - In principle, 'pre-industrial levels' could refer to any period of time before the start of the industrial revolution. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C uses the reference period 1850–1900 to represent pre-industrial temperature.

16. **buzz** (noun) - rumour, gossip, story, report, whisper, speculation, insinuation, suggestion.

17. **greenhouse gas** (GHGs) (noun) – heat-trapping gas; a gas (such as water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, etc.) in the atmosphere that absorbs and emits radiation, causing the greenhouse effect and warming of Earth’s temperature.

18. **sink** (noun) – the main natural carbon sinks are plants, the ocean and soil. Plants grab carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to use in photosynthesis; some of this carbon is transferred to soil as plants die and decompose. The oceans are a major carbon storage system for carbon dioxide.

19. **carbon sink** (noun) – also known as carbon sequestration; a natural environment (forest or reservoir) which absorbs and stores carbon (greenhouse gases) from the atmosphere and thereby maintains a balance. (carbon sequestration is the process by which the forest removes and stores carbon from the atmosphere).

20. **substance** (noun) – meaningfulness, significance, importance; significant subject, important matter/content, valid message.


22. **mirage** (noun) – an unrealistic hope/wish; misconception/delusion.

23. **commentary** (noun) – narration, description, account; explanation, interpretation, analysis.

24. **greet** (verb) – welcome, receive, hail; acknowledge, admit, accept.

25. **IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Report (AR6)** (noun) – The Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of the United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the sixth in a series of reports which assess scientific, technical, and socio-economic information concerning climate change.

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26. **The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** (noun) – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts.

27. **shock and awe** (phrase) - technically known as rapid dominance; Term for a (military) strategy based on achieving rapid dominance over an adversary by the initial imposition of overwhelming force and firepower (strength). A campaign characterized by shock, by surprise, by flexibility, but the employment of precise weapons on a scale never before seen, and by the application of overwhelming force.

28. **revealing** (adjective) – indicative, suggestive, telling.

29. **gloss over** (phrasal verb) - ignore, avoid talking about/dealing with something unpleasant and treat it as less important; conceal or cover up a mistake/crime; hide, camouflage, whitewash.

30. **far from** (phrase) – not, not at all.

31. **emphasise** (verb) – put stress on, underscore, highlight.

32. **drumbeat** (noun) – forceful pushing (for a cause).

33. **spur** (verb) – stimulate, encourage, prompt, galvanize.

34. **The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** (noun) – The UNFCCC entered into force on 21 March 1994. Today, it has near-universal membership. The 197 countries that have ratified the Convention are called Parties to the Convention. Preventing “dangerous” human interference with the climate system is the ultimate aim of the UNFCCC.

35. **common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR)** (noun) - The concept of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) was enshrined as Principle 7 of the Rio Declaration at the first Rio Earth Summit in 1992. a principle within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that acknowledges the differing responsibilities of individual countries in addressing climate change.

36. **accumulated** (adjective) – stored, amassed, gathered.

37. **atmospheric** (adjective) – relating to the atmosphere of the earth.

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38. **climate change** (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth’s climate, or of a region on Earth.

39. **shoulder** (verb) - take on, undertake, accept (a burden or responsibility).

40. **oblige** (verb) – require, compel, bind, constrain, force, put under an obligation, pressurize.

41. **imply** (verb) – suggest, say indirectly, signal, indicate.

42. **pose** (verb) – put forward, moot, submit, propose, posit, suggest.

43. **at best** (phrase) – only, merely, nothing but, no more than.

44. **at worst** (phrase) – in the most serious situation.

45. **deliberately** (adverb) – intentionally, purposely, knowingly/wittingly.

46. **proverbial** (adjective) – well known, famous, traditional (proverb).

47. **silver bullet** (noun) - a simple solution to a complex problem.

48. **put out** (phrasal verb) – issue, publish, release, circulate, make public.

49. **synthesis** (noun) - the combination of components/elements together as a whole.

50. **account for** (phrasal verb) – constitute, make up, comprise, form, represent.

51. **whereas** (conjunction) – in comparison with the fact that.

52. **call for** (phrasal verb) – require, necessitate, ask publicly, demand

53. **lag behind** (verb) – trail, straggle, fall behind, move slowly.

54. **envoy** (noun) – diplomat, consul, ambassador.

55. **grossly** (adverb) – flagrantly, unacceptably; extremely, excessively.

56. **baseline** (noun) – starting point.

57. **considerably** (adverb) – greatly, much, very much, a lot.

58. **Kyoto Protocol/Accord** (noun) – an international treaty among industrialized nations that sets mandatory limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

59. **stand in the way of** (phrase) - to prevent/stop someone from doing/achieving something.

60. **ravage** (verb) – devastate, ruin, destroy, wreak havoc on, damage.

61. **relentless** (adjective) – constant, continuous, non-stop, unceasing.

62. **infrastructure** (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure for something (to function properly).

63. **use up** (phrasal verb) - consume, exhaust, deplete, expend, spend, waste, fritter away, squander.

64. **cumulative** (adjective) – total, collective, aggregate.

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65. **cumulative (CO2) emissions** (noun) – the total quantity of CO2 emissions emitted from 1751 until a given year, measured in metric tons.

66. **gravity** (noun) – seriousness, importance, significance, urgency, weightiness, weight.

67. **carbon budget** (noun) – the cumulative amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions permitted over a period of time to keep within a certain temperature threshold (upper limit).

68. **highlight** (verb) – underline, underscore, emphasize.

69. **IPCC’s Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)** (noun) – The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) was a series of reports from the IPCC assessing scientific, technical, and socio-economic information regarding climate change. It was released in three installments over the course of 2013 and 2014, and an additional synthesis report was published in November 2014.

70. **quantum** (noun) – amount, portion.

71. **hold (for)** (verb) – keep, reserve, put aside, set aside.

72. **given** (adjective) - specified, stated, designated, particular, specific.

73. **steep in** (phrasal verb) – fill with, surround with, imbue with, pervade with (a quality or influence).

74. **arrive at** (verb) – reach a decision/conclusion; attain, accomplish.

75. **stabilise** (verb) – reinforce, fortify, strengthen, secure, make stronger.

76. **reiterate** (verb) – repeat, say again, restate.

77. **geopolitics** (noun) – the study of the geographical factors (a country’s position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources & etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.

78. **squander** (verb) - waste, missspend, misuse, throw away, dissipate, fritter away, spend recklessly, spend unwisely.

79. **avert** (verb) – prevent, stop, avoid.

80. **Least Developed Countries (LDCs)** (noun) - Least developed countries (LDCs) are low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets. There are currently 46 countries on the list of LDCs which is reviewed every three years by the Committee for Development (CDP).

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81. **tilt** (verb) – change.
82. **tilt the scales/balance** (phrase) – to change the balance of a situation, so that one side is gaining an advantage.
83. **status quo** (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
84. **iteratively** (adverb) - incessantly, constantly, repeatedly.
85. **add up to** (phrase) – amount to, make, equal, be equal to, be equivalent to.
86. **requisite** (adjective) – necessary, required, essential, vital, needed.
87. **hold someone's feet to the fire** (phrase) - put pressure on someone to do something, to hold someone accountable, to force someone to obey/follow (your command).
88. **obligation** (noun) – duty, responsibility, commitment, necessary condition, requirement.
89. **kick the can down the road** (phrase) - to avoid dealing with a difficult situation or making a hard decision until later; delay, defer, put off, postpone.
90. **double-edged** (adjective) - ambiguous, equivocal, dual, ambivalent, arguable, debatable.
91. **per capita** (adverb & adjective) – per person, for each; relating to each person.
92. **far** (adverb) – very much, considerably, markedly, significantly.
93. **G-20** (noun) – The G20, formed in 1999, is a group of twenty of the world’s largest economies that meets regularly to coordinate global policy on trade, health, climate, and other issues. It brings together the world’s major advanced and emerging economies. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK and USA. The G20 Countries together represent around 90% of global GDP, 80% of global trade, and two thirds of the world’s population.
94. **vulnerable** (adjective) – endangered, unsafe, unprotected, unguarded, ill-protected; easily affected by, prone to, at risk of.
95. **wheel and deal** (phrase) - engage in a secret plan dishonestly/unethically/fraudulently.
96. **conformity** (noun) - compliance with, adherence to, accordance with, observance of.

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97. pledge (noun) – promise, word, vow, commitment, agreement.
98. emissions intensity (noun) – the volume of emissions per unit of GDP.
99. Gross domestic product (GDP) (noun) – a measure of economic activity in a country. It is the total value of a country’s annual output of goods and services.
100. given (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
101. chorus (noun) – (of voice) in unison, together, simultaneously/at the same time.
102. invoke (verb) – cite, refer to, adduce.
103. press on (verb) - continue, carry on.
104. guesstimate (noun) - hypothesis, theory, prediction.
105. off the mark (phrase) - inaccurate, incorrect, wrong.
106. step up (phrasal verb) – increase, speed up, accelerate.
107. undermine (verb) – weaken, subvert, sabotage, damage.
108. renewable energy (noun) – clean energy, green energy; energy generated from natural resources (such as water, wind & solar energy).
109. green (adjective) – environmentally friendly, ecologically sound, energy-efficient.
110. green hydrogen (noun) – it is hydrogen fuel that is created using renewable energy instead of fossil fuels.
111. gumption (noun) – courage/nerve, mettle, spirited initiative; astuteness.
112. leverage (verb) – use or utilize something to maximum advantage.
113. laggard (noun) – slower, delay, snail, sluggard, lagger, loiterer, lingerer.
114. trade-off (noun) – a situation in which you must choose between (balance) two things that are opposite or cannot be had at the same time; a compromise.
115. only time will tell (phrase) - used to say that at some time in the future it will become clear whether or not something is true, right etc.

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