

# DECODING THE MEANING

Read the passage and write the words from the passage that mean the following:

Finally, the day that Christie was waiting for arrived. It was the school's Foundation Day. She was going to be awarded by the school's founders for winning the Spelling Bee contest. Her performance was exceptional. No one in the entire county had ever achieved a score as high as hers. It was a proud moment for her. The event was stated to commence at 10 a.m., so Christie decided to leave by 9 a.m. Her mom, dad, and brother were ready on time to leave for the event. Just before leaving, Christie's mom revealed a small box wrapped with the most beautiful ribbon. She said, "It is your gift for winning the contest."

When Christie opened the box, there was a shiny fountain pen in it. It had a gleaming golden nib. When she rolled the pen over, there was something engraved on the pen. It said, "A shiny pen for our star daughter."

She was ecstatic. She screamed with joy and hugged both her parents. That day, Christie got a shiny trophy as well, but for her, the pen was the most precious gift. It was more valuable to her than the trophy.

1. something extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_
2. to start or to begin \_\_\_\_\_
3. to show something hidden or secret \_\_\_\_\_
4. shining brightly \_\_\_\_\_
5. to be extremely happy \_\_\_\_\_

