

TB1. Award Ceremony

1. Try to explain the words below in your own way.

present awards

have a chance to

on behalf of

pride oneself on

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Host (Rebecca Welton): We'd like now to invite Ted Lasso to come up and _____
to some of our top contributors. Please **welcome** Ted to the _____.

[applause]

Client (Ted Lasso): Thank you....First of all, thank you so much for _____ me here
over the last few days and making me feel so _____ during my visit. **It's wonderful to**
finally _____ meet you all in person and get to know you all better.

Before I present the awards, **I just want to** say a few words on behalf of everyone at Ariadne Industries.

Don't worry, I'll **keep it** _____.

First, let me say it's truly an _____ to be standing among such talented
individuals. As a drug development company, **we** _____ producing life-saving
_____ that really make a difference, but **we couldn't do that without** the
_____ and skill of all of you here today.

I want to express my sincere _____ to each and every one of you for your exceptional skill, professionalism and dedication. _____ your expertise, innovation and hard work, **we were able to overcome** every challenge that came our way.

You have all **played an** _____ **role in** the success of the project and I'd like to acknowledge everyone's contribution. With such a strong team, it really has been a challenge to single out individuals for awards. **That being said**, we _____ carefully together with your leaders here and _____ a _____ of names, which we've _____ today's winners. It's a great privilege to present these awards to our deserving recipients. So, without further ado, **let me hand over to Rebecca to** _____ the winners.

Host: Thank you, Ted, for your _____ words. **I can't wait to** announce who the winners are. The first award is the "Excellence in Innovation Award," which recognizes outstanding creativity and innovative thinking in the field of pharmaceutical research...

And I'm pleased to announce that this award goes to Dr. Li Wei. Dr. Li Wei's innovative approach to problem-solving has **been instrumental in** overcoming the numerous challenges we _____ **during the course of** this project. Since I first met Dr. Li as a fresh graduate, he has always been **committed to** continuously expanding his knowledge and keeping up with all the developments in the industry. _____, he has become an expert in the field of photo-redox chemistry, **where** he is always looking for novel practical applications of _____ techniques. Dr. Li is our _____ person for advice whenever we encounter complex reactivity or selectivity issues in our photochemistry, and **is always willing to** _____ and offer solutions.

The _____ techniques he's developed for this project have helped us devise more efficient, cheaper, and greener pathways, and the _____ developed will be useful in our future collaboration.

Everyone, let's give a round of _____ to Dr. Li.

Would you like to say a few words, Dr. Li?

Dr. Li: Absolutely...though I _____ so I don't have anything prepared. But first, **I'd like to thank** Ariadne Industries **for** _____, for your trust in us, and for all your support and valuable suggestions. I've really enjoyed and **benefited from** our _____ discussions around the chemistry challenges we've encountered. I think I speak for all of us when I say we've all learned a lot from working with your team on this project.

Also, **I'd like to add that, while** it's an honor to receive this award, this project has been a team effort. I'm lucky to have such a great team of hardworking and _____ chemists working alongside me. Each member of the team has contributed their expertise and put in tremendous effort to _____. Thank you everyone!

Host (Rebecca Welton): Thank you, Dr. Li. Okay, **let's move on to** the second _____. The second award is the award for...