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PLANNING A VISIT TO ALCATRAZ ISLAND

Alcatraz is one of San Francisco's most popular visitor attractions and its tours frequently sell out a week or more (23) _____. Tickets are rarely available at the Box Office for the same-day sailings.

During tours to «The Rock», the infamous former federal penitentiary, the National Park Service (24) _____ ranger programmes, a captioned orientation video with historical footage, and an award-winning audio tour of the prison Cellhouse with actual interviews of (25) _____ guards and inmates, (26) _____ in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

It's a short cruise out to the former home of Al Capone and George «Machine Gun» Kelley.

The walk to the Cellhouse is steep on (27) _____ pavement. SEAT (Sustainable Easy Access Transport) is available for wheelchair users and visitors (28) _____ to walk the quarter mile, 12 % grade hill.

It's (29) _____ the effort, for Alcatraz features spectacular (30) _____ of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. From late September until mid-February, when bird-nesting season begins, you can hike (31) _____ the Agave Trail to the water's edge and walk through a protected bird sanctuary. The (32) _____ of the tour is 2 to 3 hours.

	A	B	C	D
23	beforehand	before	preliminary	earlier
24	reveals	presents	releases	shows
25	later	known	former	so-called
26	accessible	available	approachable	affable
27	founderous	ragged	uneven	irregular
28	unabled	enabled	enable	unable
29	deserves	well worth	cost	valuable
30	looks	sights	views	aspects
31	across	along	beside	next to
32	long	along	length	stretch

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WHY NOT USE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM?

As a home-schooling mum, I rely heavily on technology to get the job done. The children use curriculum that is delivered over the Internet that they can go through at their own (23) _____. We use technology in home-schooling to connect to maths experts who create awesome maths curriculum and deliver it free of (24) _____. We use technology to find education games that make learning fun. We even use technology to read classic books that are in the public (25) _____.

Schools use technology too, but not to its (26) _____ potential. Children for the most part use computers for limited remedial training and if they are lucky, they are given website (27) _____ so they can use educational technology from home.

Considering the fact that there are no companies in existence that can survive without the use of technology, you would think that schools would be more purposeful in using it throughout the entire educational process. However, there is a strong debate that keeps schools from making the (28) _____ over to technology based classrooms.

Some of the debate points that prevent the use of technology in the classroom are as follows:

While computers allow unlimited access to the online exploration of educational resources, this also encourages students to become (29) _____ with less educational games and distractions online.

Teachers can integrate technology into the lessons helping students to be well informed in subjects like history and science. They can use virtual field trips and online dissections to make the subject matter more (30) _____. However, finding the right resources can take up an inordinate amount of the instructor's time, thereby increasing the teacher's workload.

While donations and grants can be used to secure the monthly for technology, the perishable nature of technology would mean that this money would be needed year after year to continue buying and maintaining equipment.

Tech training can be valuable for teachers in their professional and private lives. However, this training can be (31) _____ and costly, making many teachers ignore its value.

You could think of a thousand reasons to have technology in the classroom and a thousand arguments against it, with both sides having (32) _____ reasons to use technology or not. Still one has to realize that if the cost is not paid for technology today, the price will be paid tomorrow with the lack of training and preparedness for the real world.

	A	B	C	D
23	time	leap	pace	rhythm
24	money	charge	payment	service
25	domain	duties	obligation	responsibility
26	complete	fullest	total	absolute
27	participations	connections	locations	memberships
28	leap	pass	turn	run
29	inattentive	distracted	embarrassed	confused
30	attraction	attractive	attracting	attracted
31	time-consuming	time-spending	time-wasting	time-passing
32	valuable	valid	heavy	significant

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Every summer when I was a kid, my mother (23) _____ me to visit her parents, who lived on the shores of a lake in east Texas. When we arrived, we always (24) _____ straight to their grapevines to pick and eat the fresh, juicy fruit. This was not a fancy grape-growing enterprise, just a couple purple *Concord* grapevines climbing a metal trellis in a (25) _____ lot. These grapes got very little attention between our visits. My grandparents (26) _____ them and tied on new strips of flash tape to keep the birds away, but (27) _____ that, the grapes were on their own.

A (28) _____ mix of weeds and wildflowers served as cover crops. A (29) _____ population of insects pollinated the flowers. The (30) _____ running into the lake kept water available to the roots. Disease must have struck from time to time, but the vines seemed to shrug it off and keep bearing bunches of the fruit that brought us back each visit.

As a gardener now, I know that the secret to growing grapes (or anything else) without a lot of fuss or toxic treatments is to grow plants that will (31) _____ in my climate, just as those grapes did in east Texas. Whether you have room for a small vineyard or just a few vines climbing over the patio, you and your family can enjoy homegrown grapes. The secrets to success are simple and manageable for even a (32) _____ gardener.

	A	B	C	D
23	led	took	sent	travelled
24	headed	followed	left	came
25	empty	blank	vacant	unknown
26	grew	cleaned	planted	pruned
27	apart for	apart from	apart by	apart with
28	indigenous	native	local	dear
29	various	diverse	multinational	different
30	sea	river	creek	marsh
31	bloom	flourish	in blossom	flower
32	newcomer	young	new	novice