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13. It seems that no one can escape the desire for chocolate. But have you ever \_\_1\_\_ why we have this popular food? The first written account of chocolate begins with the \_\_2\_\_ Mayan and Aztec civilizations around 4,000 years ago. They show exactly how to grow and harvest cacao plants. All Mayans \_\_3\_\_ chocolate daily, usually sipped it as a drink. The Aztecs, however, believed chocolate was sent from the gods and could only be eaten by the wealthy. Cacao beans were so \_\_4\_\_ that the Aztecs used them as currency. Montezuma, a famous Aztec emperor, is said to have drunk gallons of chocolate each day. In the 1500s, chocolate was \_\_5\_\_ across the ocean to the royal family of Spain. Later, the European royals were so crazy about chocolate that they decided to begin cacao plantations in their \_\_6\_\_ of America. In 1828, the cocoa press was invented by a Dutch chemist. This machine pressed the cocoa butter out of roasted cocoa beans. Then, the dry cocoa powder could be easily mixed with other things to make chocolate \_\_7\_\_. The \_\_8\_\_ chocolate bar was made in 1847 by a British chocolate company. By the late 1800s, the chocolate-making process was \_\_9\_\_ and spread out by the family-owned chocolate companies, such as Lindt, Nestle, and Hershey. Chocolate has conquered everyone's heart over \_\_10\_\_, and today, it is a huge business and a popular treat in the world. Moreover, chocolate is not only eaten as food, but also exchanged as gifts that increase health and happiness.

(A) wondered (B) first (C) colonies (D) transported (E) ancient  
(F) improved (G) products (H) valuable (I) enjoyed (J) centuries

14. Since Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein* in 1816, the book has been read millions of times and turned into a set of movies, TV shows, and other books. In addition to entertaining its readers, the novel also created a new \_\_1\_\_ of stories: science fiction.

In the decades that have followed the publication of *Frankenstein*, science fiction has moved forward to keep up with \_\_2\_\_ developments. However, Shelley's basic idea of a \_\_3\_\_ that the maker can't control has been used over and over again. It now features in some of the latest movies.

Take the movie *The Avengers: Age of Ultron*, for instance. Tony Stark \_\_4\_\_ a very powerful artificial program called Ultron. Stark believed Ultron would help save the world, but unfortunately, he had no control over the \_\_5\_\_ result the "human being" had brought.

Another example is *Prometheus*, directed by an English director Ridley Scott. It tells the story of a creature from another world \_\_6\_\_ by a new form of life that they had made. More interestingly, not only the plot is related to Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The name of this \_\_7\_\_ has something to do with the novel, too. It comes from the god Prometheus, who the Greeks believed to create human life. Shelley used the same reference in her novel, whose real \_\_8\_\_ is *Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus*.

All those years ago Shelley sat down to \_\_9\_\_ about a doctor creating something the world had never seen before. However, maybe she didn't \_\_10\_\_ science fiction would be born with the release of her novel, and its plot would be used again and again. And now, just like Frankenstein's monster, science fiction has

grown into something its creator could never have predicted.

- (A) destroyed (B) monster (C) film (D) expect (E) scientific  
(F) completed (G) write (H) type (I) miserable (J) title
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15. Have you ever been in a difficult situation where people asked you a question, but you didn't want to share what you really thought? You may choose to tell white lies. If you find yourself telling white lies from time to time, you are not \_\_1\_\_. People find white lies are useful in order to \_\_2\_\_ a good relationship with their friends and family.

There are many reasons why we tell white lies. Imagine your grandmother spending hours knitting a sweater for you. Even if you don't like it due to its old-fashioned style, you don't want to \_\_3\_\_ your true feelings, so you lie and thank her happily. Depending on the \_\_4\_\_, sometimes you have to choose not to tell the painful truth.

Another reason is to help the person avoid \_\_5\_\_. If your boss loves singing but has a terrible voice, you might as well keep your \_\_6\_\_ thoughts to yourself. That way both of you can save face.

But there are other situations where you have to be truthful. If your friends tell insensitive jokes that hurt your feelings and remind you of bad things, it might be better to tell them how their "jokes" reopened old \_\_7\_\_. This could save your \_\_8\_\_ in the long run. If you had stayed \_\_9\_\_, your friends might continue telling these jokes and further hurt your feelings.

Whatever you choose to say, it is always good to \_\_10\_\_ how listener will feel about it. Just remember, always be kind to others.

- (A) maintain (B) circumstances (C) wounds (D) alone (E) negative  
(F) embarrassment (G) consider (H) reveal (I) friendship (J) silent
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16. Forests are undoubtedly one of the most important resources in the world. However, they are being destroyed at an alarming \_\_1\_\_. Governments are often criticized in the news for cutting down trees in order to build cities. The development of \_\_2\_\_ also makes the problem worse. However, humans aren't the only species that are to blame. As you read this, millions of beetles are biting trees throughout the North America. When these insects bite through the bark of a tree, they remove the tree's only line of \_\_3\_\_. Then the beetles are free to lay thousands of eggs inside of the tree, which will \_\_4\_\_ a threat to the tree.

Beetles have actually lived on trees in Canada, United States, and Mexico for several years already. However, the months they bite trees each year has increased because of \_\_5\_\_ warming. Since winters are now shorter, these bugs are able to work longer. In fact, some experts estimate that beetles are killing trees 10 times faster than they did before. The beetle's destruction also poses great danger to animal life. Without trees to live in, several bird species could soon go \_\_6\_\_.

The United States Forest Service is taking action to try to get the beetles under control. The organization has \_\_7\_\_ a strategy to cut down the trees. This is done to \_\_8\_\_ infections. They believe the remaining trees will be stronger because they won't have to fight for resources. In turn, these trees should be better able to \_\_9\_\_ beetle attacks. However, not everyone agrees the Forest Service's plan will be helpful in the \_\_10\_\_ of forests. Some scientists are worried that removing more trees will only makes things worse.

- (A) global (B) devised (C) reduce (D) defense (E) conservation  
(F) extinct (G) speed (H) resist (I) agriculture (J) pose
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17. Which do you think has unexpected uses at home? A computer? Your bed, or the banana peel you've just thrown in the trash? It turns out that banana peel is good for a lot more than just keeping bananas \_\_1\_\_ and tasty.

The inside of a banana skin can be used to \_\_2\_\_ the stains from shoes and silver jewelry. Just rub the skin on the object you want to clean, and then \_\_3\_\_ the stains with a clean cloth. Your shoes and jewelry will soon be \_\_4\_\_ again. Try using banana peel in the same way on your teeth. The \_\_5\_\_ in the peel will help make your teeth whiter.

In fact, these aren't the only tricks that banana peel can do. This thing we usually \_\_6\_\_ without a second thought has a fairly strong healing effect. You can rub it on bruised or very dry skin to help it \_\_7\_\_ more quickly. Also, it has been found that drinking water boiled with banana skins can help lift people's \_\_8\_\_ and make them feel happier.

You might be surprised to \_\_9\_\_ how useful banana peel is. However, it's actually just one of many ordinary household items that have a number of \_\_10\_\_ uses. If you want to learn more about it, try going online and searching for the other hidden uses of it.

(A) fresh (B) chemicals (C) recover (D) shiny (E) realize  
(F) wipe off (G) amazing (H) throw away (I) remove (J) mood

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18. The Literacy Mobilization Campaign is a project aimed at teaching reading and writing to the two million illiterate people in Turkey. The program, begun by Turkuvaz Media and supported by the First Lady Erdogan, offers free literacy classes at local public centers throughout the country. The program aims to \_\_1\_\_ citizens, mainly women who were forced to drop out of school at a young age, to return to school and learn how to read and write.

A generation ago, \_\_2\_\_ families in Turkey did not send their girls to school. Many families were not \_\_3\_\_ of the need for school and completely kept their girls home. Some girls looked after farm animals. Others were \_\_4\_\_ in housework. Still others worked in the fields. Nowadays in Turkey, 12 years of \_\_5\_\_ is required for all children. The government makes sure all children, including girls, are attending daily school.

The girls who did not go to school are now grandmothers with the \_\_6\_\_ of being unable to read or write. Many of them, in their sixties or seventies, all have similar childhood memories of sadly watching boys go to school and have the chance to choose their careers. They also have bad experiences of getting lost in a city because they were not able to read the words \_\_7\_\_ on the road signs.

Getting to \_\_8\_\_ in this program has changed many people's lives in Turkey. The women who attend the literacy program are now more \_\_9\_\_ and active. By working hard to \_\_10\_\_ the problem of illiteracy, they are able to read road signs and books. They can finally gain the ability of reading and writing.

(A) participate (B) involved (C) traditional (D) displayed (E) convinced  
(F) education (G) overcome (H) disadvantage (I) independent (J) motivate