Word Formation – Prefixes and Suffixes Listening activity – B2 | What Went Wrong with Songdo?

Watch the video and complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in parentheses. Add a prefix, a suffix, or both.

1. **[0:08–0:16]** Making our beds, taking out our trash and _____ our cars. (CHARGE)
2. **[1:13–1:21]** They began constructing Songdo, a _____ city that would be free of pollution, crowded spaces and traffic. (SUSTAIN)
3. **[2:00–2:06]** All residents would be able to _____ communicate with one another on video calls. (SEAM)
4. **[2:06–2:14]** Trash tubes across the city would take garbage to a central plant where it is _____ sorted. (AUTOMATIC)
5. **[2:23–2:31]** _____, the estimated cost of all these grand plans was only about $40 billion. (SURPRISE)
6. **[2:49–3:03]** Construction is still ongoing with a revised _____ date of 2025. (COMPLETE)
7. **[3:03–3:18]** All through the years, developers struggled to bring in _____ and attract big companies to Songdo. (INVEST)
8. **[3:11–3:25]** By the mid-2010s, _____ reported that massive office buildings and public transport networks were lying completely deserted. (PUBLISH)
9. **[3:25–3:34]** The technology turned out to be not as advanced as _____ advertised. (INITIAL)
10. **[4:49–4:58]** We don't even have to wait that long because signs of this divide are already _____. (VISION)
11. **[5:23–5:30]** They wouldn't be half as _____ if it weren't for their residents. (DESIRE)
12. **[6:01–6:09]** Many argue that the developers essentially ended up creating a giant golden prison for _____ people who want everything done for them. (WEALTH)
13. **[6:09–6:18]** Despite this strong _____, Songdo has also done a lot right. (CRITIC)
14. **[6:18–6:27]** It also has successfully met many of its _____ goals. (SUSTAIN)
15. **[6:34–6:49]** Unfortunately, the fact that it's _____ and frankly boring still continues to outweigh those pros. (AFFORD)

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