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(Vocabulary practice)

Ex 1. Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences using the words from the box. You will not need two words.

trenches	*sea level*	*curving*	*windy*	*depth*	*Mediterranean*			
circulates	*tip*	*ripple*	*division*	*succeed*	*threat*	*crop*	*overfishing*	
lead	*affordable*	*invention*	*calm*	*tide*				
mountain range	*species*	*havoc*						

1. Over the last half century, hundreds of millions of tons of fish and other …… have been taken from the oceans.
2. Homes are more …… than at any time in the past five years.
3. They spent a …… day relaxing by the pool.
4. Water was found at a …… of 30 metres.
5. Blood …… through the arteries and veins of the body.
6. He works in the foreign …….. of the company.
7. A man can …… at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm.
8. The event created …… in our orderly plans.
9. The size of the …… depends on the productivity of the soil.
10. These policies could ……. the country to environmental catastrophe.
11. The …… of the computer has revolutionized the business world.
12. The Himalayan ……. is the highest on earth.
13. It's too …… to take the sailboat out today.
14. I have never seen anything like that hall, with its lovely ……..... staircase.
15. The body was washed up on the beach by the ……..
16. The air was so still that there was hardly a ……. on the pond's surface.
17. I could spend the rest of my life diving the deep ocean …… and making new discoveries.

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18. This figure represents only the …… of the iceberg, since as many as 90% of cases go unreported.

19. The …… of global warming will eventually force the US to slow down its energy consumption.

20. The animal lives in lakes near Mexico City, at a height of 6,000 to 7,000 feet above ……

Ex 2. Complete the text with suitable words. Some letters have been given for you.

One nickname for Earth is "the blue planet". From outer space, all the ocean water makes the planet look mostly blue. Ocean water is about 96.5 percent water and 3.5 percent salt. Oceans do not provide our **(1) _ _ i _ k _n_** water, but they affect us in many ways. First, oceans are an important part of the water **(2) _ _ c l_**. Most of the **(3) _ _ _ p o _ a _ i _n** on Earth is from ocean water. Oceans also provide us with food and jobs. Millions of people work in the **(4) _ is _ i _ g**, shipbuilding, offshore oil and gas industries, international shipping and trade, and ocean science. In addition, the ocean is home to many of our planet's plants and animals. Finally, **(5) _ o_ s_ al** areas are popular places to live. Today, about 50 percent of the world's people live close to an ocean.

Unfortunately, people don't always treat oceans with respect. Many of us use the ocean as a **(6) _ _ a _h** can. Some areas of the ocean look like garbage dumps, with plastic bottles, old fishing nets, tires, straws, cigarettes, plastic bags, and other trash floating in the water. Every ocean has problems with **(7) _ _r _ ne** debris. Every year, the trash kills thousands of ocean animals. Old fishing nets trap **(8) s_ _ls**, birds, whales, fish, and turtles. Animals often think the pieces of **(9) _a _b_ g e**, especially plastic pieces, are food. For instance, **(10) _ u r _ les** like to eat jellyfish. To turtles, plastic bags look like jellyfish, so they eat them. Then, they get sick and sometimes die.

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