Speaking of Stinky

The paired text articles “The Great Stink” and “Toilets of the Future” include many words having to do with waste and sanitation. You’ll learn about them here.

**Directions:** Read the definitions below, then complete each sentence in a way that makes sense.

1. **intricate:** having many complicated or connected parts
   
   **Sentence:** Jamal made intricate drawings of the castle, carefully including details of ____________________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

2. **fertilizer:** a natural or chemical material that is added to soil to make it better for growing plants
   
   **Sentence:** My dad put fertilizer on our garden so that _____________________________________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

3. **scorching:** extremely hot
   
   **Sentence:** It was a scorching day, so Chandra decided to _________________________________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

4. **putrid:** strongly unpleasant or foul
   
   **Sentence:** The meat smelled putrid because _____________________________________________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

5. **epidemics:** widespread outbreaks of disease that spread quickly
   
   **Sentence:** Luis studied epidemics of the Middle Ages because he was interested in _______________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

6. **microscopic:** too small to be seen without a microscope
   
   **Sentence:** Because bacteria are microscopic, scientists _____________________________________________.
   
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

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7. sewage: waste carried away in sewers
   Sentence: The sewage flowed down the pipe and _______________________________.
   ____________________________________________________________________________.

8. sanitation: ways of getting rid of waste and trash to keep places free of dirt and disease
   Sentence: Scientists recommend using good sanitation to ___________________________.
   ____________________________________________________________________________.

9. poverty: the condition of being very poor
   Sentence: The writer spent his childhood in poverty, but he grew up to ___________________.
   ____________________________________________________________________________.

10. organic: coming from living things
    Sentence: In her compost pile, Maddie put organic materials such as _____________________.
            ____________________________________________________________________________.