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文字稿

The planet's largest living structure struggling for survival. This coral should be alive with colour but it's bleached and barren. These scientists are part of a team that's assessed the health of the entire Great Barrier Reef – an area bigger than Britain – and here the **prognosis** is poor. On average, two-thirds of the coral in the northern section has died.

地球上最大的生态结构大堡礁正在艰难地求生。这丛珊瑚本应生机勃勃、色彩鲜艳，但它现在已经褪色，贫瘠而荒芜。这些科学家隶属一支评估了整个大堡礁健康状况的研究小组。澳洲大堡礁的面积大于英国总面积，而目前科学家在评估后对其健康做出的预测是“情况不佳”。平均来看，大堡礁北部的珊瑚有三分之二已经死亡。

We've been space-bound since the 1950s, making amazing progress and countless scientific discoveries. But for every **advance** we've left something behind – space junk. At the University of Southampton, scientists are watching this waste. There are now thought to be 22,000 bits of space rubbish bigger than 10 centimetres.

从五十年代起，人类就开始探索太空，不断地取得惊人的进步，并做出不胜枚举的科学发现。然而，每当我们取得了一点进步时也在太空中留下了一些东西，这些物品被称作“太空垃圾”。英国南安普顿大学的科学家们正对这些废品进行观测。目前，人们认为共有两万两千块长度大于 10 厘米的太空垃圾。

词汇

prognosis

预断，预测

advance

进步，发展

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练习

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prognosis / advance

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2. Financial experts say that despite a poor few years, the overall _____ for the economy is good.

答案

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