Puzzle 1

Each clue below describes two words. Both words have the same letters; however, one of the words is two letters longer than the other (it duplicates two letters from the shorter word). Note that the letters can be rearranged between the two words.

Your job is to figure out the duplicated letters for each phrase—once you do, you’ll figure out a clue to the final answer. Note that the final answer to this puzzle is the longer word of the two in the final puzzle.

To help you on your way, one of the duplicates is already given for you, in alphabetical order; except in the case of the final clue, where both duplicates are given for you.

For example, suppose the clue was:

Avoids tipping with a clenched hand (duplicates: \_ & S)

The two words would be “fist” and “stiffs,” with the missing duplicate being **F**.

**Clues:**

1. Relaxation therapy for entertainment with rules (duplicates: \_ & S)
2. A picture of heated bread inked on skin (duplicates: O & \_)
3. The majority of slogans (duplicates: O & \_)
4. A prototypical member of some loose change (duplicates: C & \_)
5. A list showing when each person needs to speak in front of a crowd (duplicates: O & \_)
6. Growing and changing strong affection (duplicates: \_ & V)
7. Feeling of satisfaction from ice cream action (*past tense*) down the side of the cone (duplicates: \_ & P)
8. The primary lowest points on a graph (duplicates: I & \_)
9. Where a vagabond watches from a castle (duplicates: \_ & R)
10. Raised to comprehend the written word (duplicates: E & \_)
11. Analog records of pre-Euro Spanish currency (duplicates: E & \_)
12. A difficult rumination (duplicates: \_ & T)
13. Noticing or observing various objects of an unspecified nature (duplicates: \_ & I)
14. A shipping container brought to you by a member of the party waitstaff (duplicates: E & \_)
15. A sharp, pointy weapon that becomes suddenly visible (duplicates: \_ & P)
16. Praying insects who believe that plants, inanimate objects, and natural phenomena have souls (duplicates I & \_)
17. It begins with sewer-dwelling vermin (duplicates: \_ & T)

Clue for final answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (duplicates: D & S)

Final answer (remember, this is the longer of the two words): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_