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HELPING OUT

1 VOCABULARY: Describing communities

A Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

bring together	connect with	donate
get involved with	get to know	help out
join	pass on	take care of
take part in	volunteer	

- 1 A There's a community garden meeting next week.
Would you want to go with me?
B Yes, I'd like to take part in that.
- 2 A Would you like to become a member of our organization?
B Yes, I'd really like to _____.
- 3 A I was wondering if you'd like to give some money to our organization.
B Sure, I'd be happy to _____.
- 4 A Who watches your children when you're at work?
B My parents _____ them.
- 5 A Do you have a lot of friends in your new neighborhood?
B Not really. I need to _____ more people.
- 6 A I don't get paid for the time I work at the hospital. I do it for free.
B It's very nice of you to _____.
- 7 A My classmates and I have a lot in common.
B It's good that you have people you can _____.
- 8 A Let me carry those boxes for you.
B It's very kind of you to _____. Thank you.
- 9 A Let's have a street party so that all the neighbors can do things with each other.
B Yes, it will be good to _____ everyone in the neighborhood.
- 10 A These are the websites that will answer everyone's questions.
B OK, thanks. I'll _____ the information.
- 11 A Why did you start to volunteer at the after-school center?
B I wanted to _____ a group that helps children.

B Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.

- 1 I connect with people by talking about sports.
- 2 I've never donated to _____, but I'd like to.
- 3 It would be fun to join _____.
- 4 I want to get involved with _____ soon.
- 5 A good way to bring neighbors together is by _____.
- 6 It's important to take care of _____.



2 GRAMMAR: Present and past passives

A Underline the object of the sentence. Then rewrite the sentence using the present or past passive tense.

1 Someone donated millions of dollars.

Millions of dollars were donated.

2 People know the organization all over the world.

3 Someone started the shelter 50 years ago.

4 People give free clothes away every day.

5 Somebody serves the food three times a day.

6 People left their pets on the streets.

B Complete the sentences with passive verb forms. Use the verbs in parentheses ().

1 I am given (give) different things to do every week. That's why I like to volunteer.

2 We are helped (help) right away. It didn't take long for someone to see us.

3 The boys were sent (send) to a different room because they had arrived too late.

4 The students are tested (test) every Monday. They never like it.

5 A doctor is called (call) when there is an emergency.

6 Our dog was hit (hit) by a car. We were so upset.

C Write yes/no and information questions. Use the passive. Then look online for the answers.

1 where / the United Nations / found Where was the United Nations founded?

It was founded in San Francisco in the United States.

2 when / the UN building in New York / complete

3 the UN building in New York / design / by a Brazilian architect

4 visitors to the UN building in New York / require / to get a security pass

5 tours of the UN / give / in English only

