

A. VOCABULARY: Positive experiences

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

beneficial	contribution	devote	difference	honor	influence
pleasure	reassure	satisfaction	use	value	worthwhile

- I started a recycling program at school because I wanted to make a difference.
- The kid next door is a good neighbor on Kevin.
- Some people devote their lives to serving their family, friends, and neighbors.
- I needed my mother to reassure me that everything would be fine once I started college.
- It was an honor to have someone like him speak to the students.
- Maybe his advice will be of use to you when you're older.
- Many people take pleasure in helping others.
- She made an important contribution to today's meeting.
- I value his friendship more than I could ever say.
- She feels that teaching is a beneficial career.
- I get more satisfaction out of cooking than I do out of eating.
- Drinking a lot of water is worthwhile for our health.



B. GRAMMAR: Gerund and infinitive

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 It's unusual | <u>f</u> | a to help us with the repairs in this house. |
| 2 Latin is an interesting language | <u>c</u> | b starting a new subject in school. |
| 3 Simon often wastes time | <u>d</u> | c being alone in a big noisy crowd. |
| 4 She has places | <u>e</u> | d to help him with his homework. |
| 5 Valeria always feels nervous | <u>a</u> | e to learn. |
| 6 We need someone | <u>b</u> | f to see them at this type of restaurant. |
| 7 Samuel asked someone in class | <u>g</u> | g to visit this summer. |
| 8 It can be scary | <u>h</u> | h watching TV. |

Complete each sentence with the gerund or infinitive form of the verb in parentheses ().

- I spent a lot of time trying different sushi restaurants while I was in Japan. (try)
- We had thought about whether to buy their house or not. (think)
- Sometimes it's hard being the only boy in the classroom. (be)
- We needed someone to give us a ride to the train station. (give)
- I felt nervous waiting for the airplane to take off. (wait)
- It's not unusual to have more than you have. (want)
- My car needs to be fixed before I can drive it back home. (be)
- There are sites that are interesting to visit in this ancient city. (visit)