

1. Guided Cloze 1

Read the following passages and choose the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

The Joy of Gardening

Gardening is a very popular outdoor activity. It _____(1) to the "doing things" group of hobbies. Many people of all ages enjoy gardening in their free time because it brings them close to nature. When you garden, you learn how to _____(2) plants from small seeds. You must water them every day and wait for them to reach maturity. This process teaches people _____(3) patient. You also learn to _____(4) responsibility because if you forget to water the plants, they will die. In addition, gardening is a great way to learn about science. You can see many kinds of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. You also discover different insects and _____(5) in the soil. Spending time in the garden helps you relax and reduces stress. It is a healthy and valuable hobby, and everyone in the family can join _____(6).

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| 1. a) belonging | b) belong | c) belonged | d) belongs |
| 2. a) grows | b) grow up | c) grow | d) growing |
| 3. a) to be | b) being | c) to being | d) be |
| 4. a) take | b) get | c) keep | d) make |
| 5. a) cats | b) bugs | c) dogs | d) birds |
| 6. a) for | b) in | c) at | d) on |