worthy helpers

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

1 I started a recycling program at school because I wanted to make a difference.
2 The kid next door is a good _____ on Kevin.
3 Some people _____ their lives to serving their family, friends, and neighbors.
4 I needed my mother to _____ me that everything would be fine once I started college.
5 It was an _____ to have someone like him speak to the students.
6 Maybe his advice will be of _____ to you when you're older.
7 Many people take _____ in helping others.
8 She made an important _____ to today's meeting.
9 I _____ his friendship more than I could ever say.
10 She feels that teaching is a _____ career.
11 I get more _____ out of cooking than I do out of eating.
12 Drinking a lot of water is _____ for our health.

B. GRAMMAR: Gerund and infinitive

Match the sentence halves.

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

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

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

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