

Influences and identity

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Being tall tends to make you stand ____
 - 2 My grandma always loved cooking and that rubbed ____
 - 3 I make some of my own clothes with an emphasis ____
 - 4 This rain is a real ____
 - 5 It's common for teens to want to rebel ____
 - 6 All of us should be treated as ____
 - 7 Professor Jackson is a leading ____
 - 8 My dad was influential ____
- a in the career I ended up choosing.
b off on me.
c out from the crowd.
d against their parents.
e equals in this world.
f on sustainability.
g figure in the field of physics.
h blessing for our garden.

2 Choose the correct option a, b, c or d.

'One person who taught me something ¹____ is my uncle Ray. As a child, he often told me that life is short and it's ²____ to spend it doing things that are a waste of time or unenjoyable. He tried to make sure everything we did together was ³____ to our lives or the lives of others and not a waste of time. His attitude to life really ⁴____ on me and I seem to have adopted it myself. I owe him a debt of ⁵____ for that.'

'My friend Rosie's mum was ⁶____ in my life at a time when I really needed it. My own home life wasn't very good and Rosie's mum kind of adopted me. She often fed me and let me stay at their house when I didn't have anywhere to go. While other teenagers were ⁷____ against their parents, I was just glad that one was looking out for me. I don't know what I'd have done otherwise. She was a real ⁸____.'

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| 1 a expensive | b invaluable | c certain |
| d efficient | | |
| 2 a purposeful | b useless | c pointless |
| d worthless | | |
| 3 a meaningful | b serious | c considerable |
| d significant | | |
| 4 a affected | b shaped | c influenced |
| d impacted | | |
| 5 a recognition | b thanks | c appreciation |
| d gratitude | | |
| 6 a influential | b strong | c well-known |
| d leading | | |
| 7 a demonstrating | b opposing | c rebelling |
| d protesting | | |
| 8 a fortune | b blessing | c advantage |
| d kindness | | |