Growth: Activities

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

A. Word forms

Write one word in each gap. The hint tells you the meaning.

1. The kids are _____ fast, and old shoes no longer fit. (verb, -ing form: getting bigger)
2. Despite the cold, the herbs _____ on the sunny windowsill. (verb, past tense: did very well and stayed healthy)
3. I have _____ out of my fear of flying, and now I travel often. (verb, past participle: become too mature for)
4. The two friends slowly _____ apart after one moved abroad. (verb, past tense: became less close)
5. At first I did not like the music, but it began to _____ on me. (verb, base form: slowly become more liked by)
6. The shop has little _____ potential without new customers. (noun: increase in size)
7. Every Friday, the _____ sell fresh vegetables at the town market. (noun, plural: people who farm crops)

B. Collocations and patterns

Circle the word that completes each sentence.

1. She _____ tired of the long meetings and looked for a new job.
   a) made b) went c) grew d) turned
2. She slowly grew accustomed _____ the cold weather.
   a) with b) for c) at d) to
3. The _____ of the city has put pressure on housing.
   a) grown b) growth c) grow d) grower
4. There is a _____ interest in learning languages online.
   a) grower b) growth c) growing d) grown
5. Sales grew _____ ten percent last year.
   a) on b) by c) of d) for
6. Because of _____ growth, few new jobs were created.
   a) narrow b) slim c) sluggish d) heavy
7. She _____ three children on her own and also studied.
   a) grew b) lifted c) developed d) raised
8. My cousin had a growth _____ last summer and needed all new jeans.
   a) rush b) spurt c) push d) jump
9. I _____ up in a small town near the sea.
   a) raised b) was grown c) grew d) have grown
10. Many families now choose to grow their _____ vegetables.
    a) self b) private c) personal d) own

C. Growing or Not Growing?

Write G if the situation shows growth, or N if it is stuck, shrinking, or fading.

1. The little bakery has been growing by leaps and bounds. _____
2. After the factory closed, the town began to go to seed. _____
3. Her confidence grew steadily with each presentation. _____
4. Wages have stagnated for years, and many workers feel stuck. _____
5. The new idea took root and spread across the whole school. _____
6. Their friendship grew cold after the argument. _____
7. The seedlings thrived in the greenhouse. _____
8. The club's membership has been dwindling for years. _____

D. Error correction

Circle the correct sentence, a or b.

1. a) The country has enjoyed strong growth for ten years.
   b) The country has enjoyed strong growths for ten years.
2. a) I was grown in a small village.
   b) I grew up in a small village.
3. a) She raised two children on her own.
   b) She grew two children on her own.
4. a) The music grew louder as the band came closer.
   b) The music grew loudly as the band came closer.
5. a) I have grown interest in photography.
   b) I have grown interested in photography.
6. a) Sales grew of five percent last year.
   b) Sales grew by five percent last year.
7. a) Experts expect strong growth in online shopping.
   b) Experts expect strong growth on online shopping.
8. a) She soon grew accustomed with the cold.
   b) She soon grew accustomed to the cold.

E. Match the expressions

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each expression.

1. take root ____	**A** to become worse because nobody takes care of it
2. grow like a weed ____	**B** to begin to become established and spread
3. by leaps and bounds ____	**C** to get the results of your own actions
4. come of age ____	**D** very quickly and in large steps
5. branch out ____	**E** to stop something early, before it becomes a problem
6. reap what you sow ____	**F** to start doing something new or different
7. nip in the bud ____	**G** to grow very fast, as children and plants often do
8. go to seed ____	**H** to reach adulthood, or to become fully developed

The full lesson
Reading, word lists with translations in eight languages, interactive activities, a speed challenge, quotations, and discussion questions.
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