Growth: Answer Key

A. Word forms

1. growing
2. thrived / flourished
3. grown
4. grew
5. grow
6. growth
7. growers / farmers

B. Collocations and patterns

1. c) grew
2. d) to
3. b) growth
4. c) growing
5. b) by
6. c) sluggish
7. d) raised
8. b) spurt
9. c) grew
10. d) own

D. Error correction

1. a. Growth in this meaning is uncountable, so it has no plural.
2. b. Say grew up for becoming an adult. Was grown is used for plants, not people.
3. a. Children are raised or brought up. Plants are grown.
4. a. After grow meaning become, use an adjective, not an adverb.
5. b. Say grow interested in, or develop an interest in. Grow interest is not used.
6. b. The verb takes by with an amount. The noun takes of: growth of five percent.
7. a. Growth in names the area that increases. Growth on is not used.
8. b. Accustomed is followed by to.

C. Growing or Not Growing?

1. G
2. N
3. G
4. N
5. G
6. N
7. G
8. N

E. Match

1. B (take root)
2. G (grow like a weed)
3. D (by leaps and bounds)
4. H (come of age)
5. F (branch out)
6. C (reap what you sow)
7. E (nip in the bud)
8. A (go to seed)

Notes on the evidence and corrections

- The introduction makes only general claims, by design: growth continues through adult life, it is uneven, and a sense of learning and developing supports well-being. No study is cited. For background, teachers could look at self-determination theory, which treats a sense of competence as a basic psychological need; this was not checked in this build. The collocation growth mindset is defined only as a belief. The research on it is mixed: a 2018 pair of meta-analyses in Psychological Science (Sisk et al.) reported weak overall effects of mindset on school achievement and of mindset interventions, with some support for specific groups, such as students at academic risk. The abstract was checked.
- Quotations: the Laozi line follows James Legge's 1891 translation of Tao Te Ching, chapter 64 (Sacred Books of the East), and the Chinese text in the translations is the matching line from the same chapter. The Nietzsche line is from Twilight of the Idols (1888), "Maxims and Arrows," number 8; the German is "Was mich nicht umbringt, macht mich stärker" and English wording varies by translator (one common version reads "What does not destroy me, makes me stronger"). Both attributions were checked against published texts.
- Quotations removed from the source document: the Ethel Barrymore and Audrey Hepburn lines (searches found only quote-collection sites and no original work or date; the Hepburn line is widely described as having an unknown source); the "grow neither better nor worse" line (quote sites attribute it to both May Lamberton Becker and Bernard Baruch); and the Madeleine L'Engle, Mandy Hale, Brent Weeks, and Gandalf lines, which were not verified, plus the lines marked Unknown.
- Corrections to the source document: "grow interest in" is not standard English and was replaced by grow interested in (see the common mistakes and error correction items); "let it grow" is not a fixed expression and was removed; "grower's market" is not a standard term (farmers' market is usual) and was removed; grow on and grow out of appeared twice, once as phrasal verbs and once as idioms, and were merged into the preposition patterns; "overgrow" is rare as a verb, so overgrown was taught instead; "conversation grew cold" was changed to friendship, which is the usual collocation. In the synonym list, progress, enlarge, multiply, blossom, and sprout were removed because they are not close synonyms of grow (enlarge is only transitive, multiply concerns numbers or reproduction, progress is about improvement), and the gloss of mature was widened beyond "more responsible." Money doesn't grow on trees and growing pains were kept; growing pains also commonly refers to aches in children's legs, a sense that is not taught here.
- The shadow reading and typing text is an original first-person story, not a real person's account. It uses straight apostrophes so that typing is scored fairly. Regional notes: job growth is mainly American (British writers often say employment growth); grow a backbone is informal. The OZDIC page was not opened, and the translations, especially Hindi and Arabic, have not had a native-speaker check.