Taking root and reaping rewards

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each growth-and-success word with its meaning.

1 take root ____	**a** to grow and develop successfully
2 reap the rewards ____	**b** to receive the benefits of hard work
3 flourish ____	**c** to become established and start growing
4 thrive ____	**d** to give money, time or energy to something for future benefit
5 pay off ____	**e** to grow or develop very well
6 invest ____	**f** to result in success after hard work
7 succeed ____	**g** to achieve what you wanted
8 groundwork ____	**h** basic preparation work done before a project starts
9 goal ____	**i** something you are trying to achieve
10 effort ____	**j** hard work put into doing something

2 Choose the correct form.

1 Her business began to take root / take roots.
2 They reaped the rewards / reward of hard work.
3 The plant flourishes / flourish in sunlight.
4 Her career thrived / thrive after the promotion.
5 All that hard work finally paid off / paid up.
6 She invested / invest a lot of time in the project.
7 He succeeded / succeed in passing the exam.
8 They did the groundwork / ground-work before starting.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

effort | flourish | goal | groundwork | invest | pay off | reap the rewards | thrive

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Ana: She set a clear 1 _____ for her business and did all the 2 _____ before launching. She hoped to 3 _____ time and money wisely.
Leo: His hard 4 _____ eventually started to 5 _____, and his small shop began to 6 _____.
Team: After years of effort, they finally began to 7 _____ of their work, and the company continued to 8 _____.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 flourish ____	**a** fail
2 succeed ____	**b** laziness
3 effort ____	**c** waste
4 invest ____	**d** struggle
5 thrive ____	**e** aimlessness
6 goal ____	**f** punishment
7 reward ____	**g** lack of preparation
8 groundwork ____	**h** decline

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A small business that grew

Mia started a small bakery five years ago. She set a clear goal and did a lot of groundwork before opening. She invested her savings and put in years of effort. At first, business was slow, but eventually her hard work began to pay off, and the bakery started to flourish. Now she finally reaps the rewards of her patience, and the business continues to thrive.

1 Mia started a bakery five years ago. T / F

2 She did no preparation before opening. T / F

3 She invested her savings. T / F

4 Business was successful from the very first day. T / F

5 The bakery eventually began to flourish. T / F

6 The business continues to thrive. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, of, off, into).

1 She invested _____ her education.

2 The plan finally paid _____.

3 They reaped the rewards _____ their hard work.

4 He put a lot of effort _____ the project.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of a goal you (or someone you know) worked hard to achieve. Include the effort involved and the result.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and positive.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Growth-and-success words

1 c 2 b 3 e 4 a 5 f 6 d 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 take root 2 rewards 3 flourishes 4 thrived 5 paid off 6 invested 7 succeeded 8 groundwork

3 Descriptions

1 goal 2 groundwork 3 invest 4 effort 5 pay off 6 flourish 7 reap the rewards 8 thrive

4 Opposites

1 h 2 a 3 b 4 c 5 d 6 e 7 f 8 g

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - she did a lot of groundwork.
3 T
4 F - it was slow at first.
5 T
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 off 3 of 4 into

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and positive wording.