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Task 1. A woman received a \$1000 prize for winning a short-story writing contest. Her acceptance speech appears below. Fill in the appropriate gerund or infinitive. In some cases, more than one answer may be correct.

It is a great honor (award) to be awarded this generous prize tonight. (1)_____ (present) an award for something that I enjoy doing anyway thrills me. (2) _____(say) that I am indebted to my parents would be an understatement. (3)_____ (have) parents who were trained as teachers gave me an important start. From the time I was very young, (4)_____ (study) four hours every day after school was required. It was a frequent sight (5)_____ (see) my siblings discussing main points and rehearsing the answers to problems. (6)_____ (scold) by our parents for not paying enough attention to our work would have been the greatest shame.

Besides doing my homework for school, (7)_____ (read) fiction and nonfiction books took up much of my leisure time. (8) _____(read) so many types of books by the time I got to college proved to be a marvelous advantage. (9) _____(see) so many good written models allowed me to creatively and effortlessly produce my own work for my university English classes.

Today, it requires more discipline for me (10)_____ (be) a good writer. (11) _____(marry) with three children leaves less time to write. It requires initiative (12) _____(arise) every day at 5:00 A.M. to write. (13)_____ (write) in this manner is the only way that I have been able to produce several short stories and a few poems. (14)_____ (not receive) very good marks on my essay pieces in college, I have left essay writing to some other writer! Well, I can see that my time is up. It has been an honor (15)_____ (select) as the winner of this contest and I thank my parents, family, and all of you for your recognition today.