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## Wise Chinese Proverbs

**Directions:** Read each traditional Chinese proverb carefully. Then match it to the modern interpretation that best explains its meaning about wisdom, growth, or success. Write the correct letter next to each proverb.

### Proverbs

- \_\_\_\_ 1. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. The palest ink is better than the best memory.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Dig the well before you are thirsty.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. One moment of patience may ward off great disaster.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. When the winds of change blow, some build walls while others build windmills.

### Modern Interpretations

- A. Preparation and planning lead to success before challenges arise.
- B. True learning requires effort and responsibility from the learner.
- C. Even small beginnings can lead to great achievements.
- D. Progress, even if slow, is better than no progress at all.
- E. Writing things down helps you remember and grow wiser.
- F. Experience from others can guide you toward making better decisions.
- G. Patience helps you avoid mistakes and make wiser choices.
- H. Challenges can become opportunities if you approach them creatively.