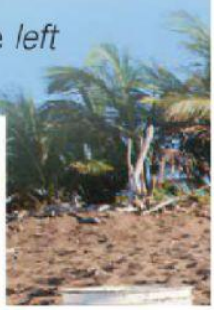
C1 Vocabulary unit 3A

make ends meet	(v) to earn just enough money to live on
well off	(adj) wealthy or financially comfortable
disposable income	(n) income remaining after taxes and social security payments (rent/expenses, etc); money available to spend or save as one wishes
hardship	(n) severe suffering; a very difficult time
live within our means	(v phrase) when the money you spend each month is less than or equal to the money you make; not spending more than you can afford
affluent	(adj) having a great deal of money; wealthy
impoverished	(adj) made poor, living in poverty
destitute	(adj) completely lacking any money and the basic necessities of life
deprived	(adj) suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits
prosperity	(n) in a state of being prosperous; flourishing financially

5 VOCABULARY Wealth and poverty

a Do the words and phrases in **bold** below relate to wealth or poverty? Make two lists. Which word/phrase applies to people with any level of income?

1. Many farmers *are facing real economic* ***hardship*** after the drought killed all their crops.
2. There's no money to help ***impoverished*** *communities* build basic facilities like schools and medical centres.
3. In ***affluent*** *suburbs* like this one, house prices are extremely high.
4. There's a direct relationship between a good education system and the *economic* ***prosperity*** of a country.
5. Even though I got a pay rise last year, I still *find it difficult to* ***make ends meet***.
6. My grandparents used to be *relatively* ***well off***, but they lost all their money in bad investments.
7. He lives with his parents and pays no bills, so he has a lot of ***disposable income***.
8. In the most ***deprived*** *areas* of the city, unemployment stands at around 50% and social problems are rife.
9. We can't go on using our credit cards all the time. We have to *learn to* ***live within our means***.
10. They lost everything they had in the flood and were *left* ***destitute***.



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