

## Working with words

### 1 Match 1–8 to a–h.

- 1 Many women feel there is a glass ceiling which \_\_\_\_
  - 2 There isn't much opportunity for advancement \_\_\_\_
  - 3 I could take early retirement which \_\_\_\_
  - 4 He felt the new job was a sideways move \_\_\_\_
  - 5 When the factory closed down \_\_\_\_
  - 6 With the current recession, the career prospects \_\_\_\_
  - 7 To save costs, the company made \_\_\_\_
  - 8 I can't move house because of the children's schools, so \_\_\_\_
- a would mean stopping work at 55 rather than 65.
  - b relocation is not an option.
  - c in an industry like mine don't look great.
  - d rather than a promotion.
  - e a lot of the staff redundant.
  - f so I need to start looking elsewhere if I want to move up the career ladder.
  - g a third of the workers were laid off.
  - h stops them from getting top jobs.

### 2 Complete 1–8 with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 He was fired from his last job for stealing. As a result he's virtually \_\_\_\_\_ now. (employ)
- 2 Instead of going to university, I did an \_\_\_\_\_ with a local engineering firm and it gave me a job for life. (apprentice)
- 3 The government keeps raising the pensionable age, so I don't know when I'll reach the age of \_\_\_\_\_. (retire)
- 4 In the last few years, our core business has become \_\_\_\_\_ so we either need to diversify or close down. (profit)
- 5 The two \_\_\_\_\_ have decided to sell their share of the business to a large multinational. (own)
- 6 Every employee has a share of the business, but we have an \_\_\_\_\_ board who make the day-to-day decisions. (operate)
- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ and union leaders have not come to an agreement so now we have to vote on whether to take strike action. (manage)
- 8 Money is important, but job \_\_\_\_\_ also includes things like opportunities for advancement and training. (satisfy)