UNIT
9 Focus on . . . Verb-noun collocations

A Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

1 I'm _____ to understand this question. Can you help me?
   - **a** struggling
   - **b** overcoming
   - **c** tackling

2 If you really believe in yourself, you'll _____ your aims.
   - **a** make
   - **b** overcome
   - **c** achieve

3 Take the time you need to _____ the right decision.
   - **a** struggle
   - **b** overcome
   - **c** make

4 We have a number of issues to _____, but I'm sure we can deal with all of them.
   - **a** tackle
   - **b** make
   - **c** achieve

5 We had to _____ for survival out there and I'm so glad we are here now.
   - **a** tackle
   - **b** overcome
   - **c** struggle

6 We spent a lot of time and money on the project, but _____ very little.
   - **a** overcame
   - **b** tackled
   - **c** achieved

7 To get where I am today, I had to _____ many difficulties and obstacles.
   - **a** struggle
   - **b** overcome
   - **c** make

8 By the end of this year, we will have to _____ a choice that will affect the rest of our lives.
   - **a** achieve
   - **b** make
   - **c** overcome

B Compare your answers to Exercise A with a partner. Then discuss who might say each sentence and in what situation.

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