

Unit 6

A Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 They lost their _____ egg in the banking crisis and now they're completely skint.
- 2 He realised he'd been ripped _____ when the cheap game console he'd bought didn't work.
- 3 Although he was a very wealthy man, he doled _____ more advice and criticism than money.
- 4 He sees earning money as a last _____; he'd rather borrow or steal it, as far as we can tell.
- 5 I'd lend you the money if I could, but I'm flat _____ myself, too.
- 6 Wilson won second prize in the lottery the other day; he's _____ in it now!
- 7 She's really a biologist, but she's makes a little money on the _____ by making jewellery.
- 8 Millie's trying to get a mortgage, but there's so much _____ tape that it's a very slow process.
- 9 The government has announced _____ in education, which doesn't look good for the future.
- 10 I'm a bit _____ for cash; could you lend me a couple of euros, please?

B Circle the best answer.

- 1 She's the **chancellor** / **treasurer** of the local photography club in her spare time.
- 2 He made a fortune from his first film but then **offset** / **squandered** it on parties and motorbikes.
- 3 Rather than be a victim of **blackmail** / **bribery**, he published the photos himself.
- 4 I've left my wallet at home. Could you lend me some **broke** / **dosh**? And I'll get the coffee.
- 5 Gerard is always so well-dressed I suspect he's pretty **well-kept** / **well-off**.
- 6 Francis was robbed **of** / **with** his dignity as well as his money.
- 7 Let's go to La Cantina! It's so good and the food's a fairly safe **bet** / **bid** quality-wise too.
- 8 This is the posh part of town. You have to be fairly **affluent** / **indigent** to live here.
- 9 They want to crack **down on** / **onto** benefit fraud, which is why they ask so many questions.
- 10 Don't go to that dentist! He's **above-board** / **crooked**.

C Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The divorce _____ was so high that he had to sell the house.
a mortgage b settlement c stimulus
- 2 She's such a _____ she never has any money but her wardrobe is full.
a miser b spendthrift c tight-fist
- 3 If you'd like to return the jacket to us, we can _____ you immediately.
a finance b offset c reimburse
- 4 I had such a fantastic birthday! My friends _____ me with cards and presents.
a gambled b showered c tipped
- 5 Money is so tight at the moment; we'll have to go _____ a holiday this year.
a for b through c without
- 6 I'm not allowed to play games at night because Dad says the price of electricity is _____.
a incurring b maximising c soaring
- 7 She took them out for a _____ meal when they went to visit her in Milan.
a lavish b thrifty c well-to-do
- 8 I don't like walking past that man's restaurant. He's always seemed a bit _____ to me.
a shady b wanting c well-heeled

D Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first.

- 1 It was the first time in our lives we'd seen such a tremendous waste of money.
Never _____.
- 2 The hotel was so opulent that I felt uncomfortable there.
It was such _____.
- 3 You really have to stop spending so much on shoes.
You'd _____.
- 4 I really regret not investing my money when I had the chance.
I wish _____.
- 5 You should never, ever tell him that you have so much money in the bank.
Under no _____.
- 6 He gambled his money away as soon as he was paid.
No sooner _____.
- 7 Stop being such a spendthrift! You'll need your money when you're older.
Don't be so _____.
- 8 The markets recovered ten years after the crisis.
Only after _____.
- 9 I'd prefer it if you didn't tell my parents that I've lost my job.
I'd rather _____.

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Not only _____ (they / squander) most of their inheritance but they lost their house gambling too.
- 2 I wish _____ (always / be) so skint!
- 3 If I could live my life again, I _____ (not wish) for more than happiness.
- 4 We'd rather you _____ (ask) us for a loan. Why on earth did you go to a bank?
- 5 Sorry but my mother says that under no circumstances _____ (she lend) us the car.
- 6 My grandma wishes she _____ (spend) her savings now but she doesn't know what on.
- 7 If he hadn't been so gullible, he _____ (never / buy) it.
- 8 I really wish you _____ (stop) talking and do your homework.
- 9 They would have given her whatever she needed if she _____ (fall) on hard times.