

## 2 VOCABULARY Wealth and poverty

**a** Match the sentence halves.

- 1 ☒ The charity helps people who are
- 2 ☐ I've been lucky. I've never experienced any
- 3 ☐ We had to sell our car to
- 4 ☐ You'll get into debt if you don't learn to
- 5 ☐ The boom was a time of economic
- 6 ☐ They've got three cars, so they're obviously

- a make ends meet.
- b destitute.
- c live within your means.
- d well off.
- e hardship.
- f prosperity.

**b** Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

- A** How would you describe your early life?  
**B** Well, life was pretty tough. There was a lot of financial  
<sup>1</sup>hardship / risk.
- A** Where were you brought up?  
**B** In a rather <sup>2</sup>*sparse* / *deprived* area with poor housing and not many amenities.
- A** Were you very poor?  
**B** No, not really. We weren't exactly <sup>3</sup>*poverty* / *impoverished*. We were never rich but never <sup>4</sup>*destitute* / *well off* either. We had just enough money to live on and were careful to live <sup>5</sup>*on the breadline* / *within our means*.
- A** Now that you've become rich and have a large <sup>6</sup>*available* / *disposable* income, how has your life changed?  
**B** Well, obviously I don't have to worry about <sup>7</sup>*wealth* / *making ends meet*. We live in a nice house in an affluent area.
- A** And are you happier?  
**B** A good question. I would say my life is pretty comfortable now but <sup>8</sup>*prosperity* / *poverty* doesn't always necessarily bring you happiness.