

## 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.