

C1 Vocabulary unit 3A

<u>make ends meet</u>	(v) to earn just enough money to live on
well off	(adj) wealthy or financially comfortable
disposable income	(n) income remaining after taxes and social security payments (rent/expenses, <u>etc</u>); money available to spend or save as one wishes
hardship	(n) severe suffering; a very difficult time
live within our means	(v phrase) when the money you spend each month is less than or equal to the money you make; not spending more than you can afford
affluent	(adj) having a great deal of money; wealthy
impoverished	(adj) made poor, living in poverty
destitute	(adj) completely lacking any money and the basic necessities of life
deprived	(adj) suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits
prosperity	(n) in a state of being prosperous; flourishing financially

5 VOCABULARY Wealth and poverty

- a Do the words and phrases in **bold** below relate to wealth or poverty? Make two lists. Which word/phrase applies to people with any level of income?
- Many farmers *are facing real economic* **hardship** after the drought killed all their crops.
 - There's no money to help **impoverished** communities build basic facilities like schools and medical centres.
 - In **affluent** suburbs like this one, house prices are extremely high.
 - There's a direct relationship between a good education system and the *economic* **prosperity** of a country.
 - Even though I got a pay rise last year, I still *find it difficult to* **make ends meet**.
 - My grandparents used to be *relatively* **well off**, but they lost all their money in bad investments.
 - He lives with his parents and pays no bills, so he has a lot of **disposable income**.
 - In the most **deprived** areas of the city, unemployment stands at around 50% and social problems are rife.
 - We can't go on using our credit cards all the time. We have to *learn to* **live within our means**.
 - They lost everything they had in the flood and were *left* **destitute**.

