

You will hear William Brook-Hart talking about how Gifford Engineering Consultancy wins contracts and sets prices.



Gateshead Millennium Bridge



West Bay Harbour, Dorset

13. 2 Listen and, for each question, choose A, B or C.

- 1 How were Gifford given the contract for the Gateshead Millennium Bridge?
 - A They had a well-recognised brand.
 - B They had worked on previous projects for Gateshead.
 - C They competed successfully against other firms.
- 2 In what way has the bridge project benefited Gifford?
 - A They have been able to reduce their promotional budget.
 - B They have improved their reputation worldwide.
 - C They have gained valuable experience in bridge construction.
- 3 How do Gifford find out about large new public projects?
 - A They read about them in a periodical.
 - B They are approached by potential clients.
 - C They have personal contacts inside public organisations.
- 4 How are prices set on a 'top-down' basis?
 - A by charging a fixed designer's fee
 - B by estimating the amount of work involved for the designer
 - C by charging a proportion of the total value of the project
- 5 How are prices set on a 'bottom-up' basis?
 - A by estimating how much the client would be prepared to pay
 - B by adding up the cost of all the work involved
 - C by charging less than your competitors
- 6 How do companies meet the costs of unsuccessful bids?
 - A The costs are paid by income from successful contracts.
 - B The costs are shared with other consultants.
 - C The costs are not recovered.

There are many phrasal verbs connected with business, although they are generally used in more informal contexts.

1 Match these phrasal verbs (1–8) from the two listening exercises in this unit with their definitions (a–h).

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| 1 bid for | a add up to |
| 2 come out with | b approach the problem |
| 3 come to | c calculate |
| 4 go about | d offer to do some work for a particular price |
| 5 go for | e prepare/organise |
| 6 put together | f produce |
| 7 team up with | g try to get |
| 8 work out | h work together with |



2 Complete these sentences using the phrasal verbs from Exercise 1 in the correct form. The sentences are all taken from the listening exercises.

- 1 If you *go for* the lowest price, you may not get the best value for money.
- 2 And Gifford a leading architectural practice, Wilkinson Eyre and Associates, and jointly we a completely new concept for a bridge.
- 3 How do you or Gifford's getting new contracts?
- 4 So you'd all the time on a spreadsheet from the bottom up and see what it
- 5 How many of the contracts that you do you expect to win?
- 6 a proposal or bid must be expensive and time consuming.