TIME

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Focus on vocabulary. Match the vocabulary to the definitions.

1. bracket (n)			a) to avoid doing a task or work, particularly due to laziness
2. extrapolate (v)			b) to relax and have a good time
3. shirk (v)			c) a range of a particular thing, such as age, or income
4. plague (v)			d) to create a situation where something can improve
5. domino effect (n)			e) a series of consequences of one particular action
6. diminish (v)			f) to reduce in strength or size over a period of time
7. let your hair down (idiom)			g) to create a lot of problems over a period of time
8. foster (v)			h) to use the facts that you have about one situation and apply them, perhaps incorrectly, to another



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Now write the vocabulary from Part A into the correct gaps in the following sentences. You may have to change the form of the words.

1) Since getting that promotion, he's entered a whole new salary _____. I think he might be buying a bigger house soon.

2) You've been working non-stop for the past few months, and you look exhausted. Why not take a few days off? Come to the beach with me and _____ a bit.

3) Once news of the police investigation got out, things went wrong quickly. The first investor pulled out and that created a _____. I think they're going to go bankrupt.

4) She's a fantastic manager. You can relax around her and have fun, but she _____ a really strong work ethic within her team.

5) I think the CEO is going to have a strong word with him. He's been _____ his responsibilities and the poor results for his department are noticeable.

6) There are two types of people in business: those who can _____ information from incomplete data.

7) I don't think we're going to keep selling into Europe. Our sales have been _____ in the region for the last decade, and it seems sensible to focus more on Asia.

8) That start-up has been _____ with problems since they started a couple of years ago: investors pulling out, their first offices caught fire, accounting issues. It's been terrible for them.



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