

# TIME POVERTY

**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



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.

