

WORDS IN CONTEXT

Read the following passage and write the words in the blanks below.

aggressive	committed	long-term	resources
attitude	fund	portfolio	return
conservative	invest	pull out	wise

Investment is a common, everyday occurrence. Companies (1) _____ time and money in finding and training their employees. Employees invest in their own training and education. Financial investment takes place at a corporate level and at an individual level. Whether an individual or a company, a decision must be made on the percentage of (2) _____ to have invested and the percentage to have in cash.

To avoid making stupid decisions, many people use financial advisors. Financial advisors help individuals and corporations make (3) _____ investment decisions. What kind of portfolio should be maintained? What should be in this (4) _____ At what point should an investor pull back or (5) _____ of the market? What kind of (6) _____ should the investor realistically expect? How much risk can an investor take (both emotionally and financially)? Investors who are (7) _____ for the (8) _____ can more easily weather the ups and downs of a market. As one analyst commented, "If you're staying awake at night thinking about the stock market, you probably have too much invested."

Many employees have retirement plans at work. They decide what level of contribution to make to a certain (9) _____. These decisions and large company decisions depend to a large degree on (10) _____. Is the decision maker (11) _____ or (12) _____? That attitude often depends on the age of the investor or on the stage and the needs of the business.