

Working with words

1 Match 1–8 to a–h.

- 1 Many women feel there is a glass ceiling which ____
- 2 There isn't much opportunity for advancement ____
- 3 I could take early retirement which ____
- 4 He felt the new job was a sideways move ____
- 5 When the factory closed down ____
- 6 With the current recession, the career prospects ____
- 7 To save costs, the company made ____
- 8 I can't move house because of the children's schools, so ____

- a would mean stopping work at 55 rather than 65.
- b relocation is not an option.
- c in an industry like mine don't look great.
- d rather than a promotion.
- e a lot of the staff redundant.
- f so I need to start looking elsewhere if I want to move up the career ladder.
- g a third of the workers were laid off.
- h stops them from getting top jobs.

2 Complete 1–8 with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 He was fired from his last job for stealing. As a result he's virtually _____ now. (employ)
- 2 Instead of going to university, I did an _____ with a local engineering firm and it gave me a job for life. (apprentice)
- 3 The government keeps raising the pensionable age, so I don't know when I'll reach the age of _____. (retire)
- 4 In the last few years, our core business has become _____ so we either need to diversify or close down. (profit)
- 5 The two _____ have decided to sell their share of the business to a large multinational. (own)
- 6 Every employee has a share of the business, but we have an _____ board who make the day-to-day decisions. (operate)
- 7 The _____ and union leaders have not come to an agreement so now we have to vote on whether to take strike action. (manage)
- 8 Money is important, but job _____ also includes things like opportunities for advancement and training. (satisfy)