C **What do the words or phrases in *italic* mean? Choose the correct meaning (a or b) according to the context in the article.**

1 '... both these problems *at a stroke*.' (lines 7–8)

a) at a certain exact time

b) with a single, sudden action

2 'She *came up with* a clever design ...' (lines 8–9)

a) thought of an idea or answer

b) produced an amount of money

3 'She *hawked* a prototype cup around ...' (lines 12–13)

a) tried to sell goods by going from place to place and persuading people to buy them

b) offered goods for sale in the street, especially in an aggressive way

4 '... with the intention of just *gauging* interest ...' (lines 24–25)

a) measuring or calculating something using a particular instrument or method

b) judging how people feel about something or what they are likely to do

5 '... the error *proved to be the making of* her business ...' (lines 37–38)

a) led to the success of someone or something

b) had the necessary qualities or skills to do a particular job well

6 '... *netting* her up to about £1m a year.' (line 49)

a) earning a particular amount of money as a profit after tax (*informal*)

b) succeeding in getting something, especially by using your skills

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