

## PREPARING TO LISTEN

- 1 You are going to listen to a conversation between two property developers. Before you listen, read the sentences and write the words in bold next to the definitions.
  - 1 Many people believe real estate is a good **investment** because you make money when you sell it.
  - 2 Selina prefers houses from the eighteenth century, but I prefer **contemporary** houses that have a lot of windows and glass.
  - 3 The house we want to buy is old, but it has a lot of **potential** to look like new again.
  - 4 José said he could **transform** the old house into something that looked like new with just a few small construction projects.
  - 5 Sandra **obtained** ownership of the building after paying the previous owner \$1.5 million.
  - 6 The building has some beautiful architectural **features**, such as a green space and very old sculptures on the roof.
  - 7 The construction did not start well. A piece of the wall **collapsed** and had to be rebuilt.
  - 8 I **anticipate** that the houses will rise in value in the next ten years.
- a \_\_\_\_\_ (v) to change the appearance of something
  - b \_\_\_\_\_ (v) to fall down suddenly
  - c \_\_\_\_\_ (adj) happening now; modern
  - d \_\_\_\_\_ (n) a noticeable or important characteristic or part
  - e \_\_\_\_\_ (v) to expect that something will happen
  - f \_\_\_\_\_ (n) someone's or something's ability to develop, achieve, or succeed
  - g \_\_\_\_\_ (v) to get something, especially by a planned effort
  - h \_\_\_\_\_ (n) money that is put into something in order to make a profit