

## Vocabulary

### Running a company

#### 1 Choose the correct option a, b or c.

- We haven't made or lost money this year. We've \_\_\_\_\_.  
a broken even   b broken down   c broken up
- We're looking to \_\_\_\_ into new markets in Asia and Africa.  
a field   b expand   c market
- My \_\_\_\_\_ are put into my bank account at the end of every month.  
a losses   b wages   c competitors
- We're \_\_\_\_\_ three new products this month.  
a fielding   b setting up   c launching
- The business has been in the family for years. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by my grandfather.  
a broken even   b set up   c exported
- We might have to close our business. We've made a \_\_\_\_\_ for three years in a row.  
a profit   b break even   c loss
- Last month, we expanded into new \_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico and Chile.  
a markets   b wages   c profits
- Last year we made a loss, but this year we've made a \_\_\_\_\_ of €500,000.  
a market   b profit   c product



#### 2 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

competitor   expand   export   field   launch   profit  
~~take over~~   wages

This has been a great year for us at Parkers International. Since we <sup>1</sup> took over Harris and Co last September, the company has been doing very well. We've made a healthy <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of \$3 million. We've done much better than Mark and Sons, which is our main <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. We've also performed better than most other companies in our <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I'd like to thank all our employees. You will be receiving a little extra in your <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this month, as a way to say 'thank you'. Next year, we will continue to <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by growing our business. We're going to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ three new products and we hope to <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them to several countries in Europe.

## Grammar

### Future forms

#### 3 Read the sentences and tick (✓) the best future form.

- I predict a profit for the company this year.  
a The company will make a profit this year. ✓  
b The company is making a profit this year.
- We're going to take over this company.  
a I'm sure we'll take over this company.  
b We probably won't take over this company.
- We're meeting at 9 a.m. tomorrow.  
a I predict that we'll meet tomorrow at 9 a.m.  
b We've arranged to meet tomorrow at 9 a.m.
- It's possible that we'll launch a new service next week.  
a We're launching a new service next week.  
b We might launch a new service next week.
- He's sure that there'll be job losses.  
a There are going to be job losses.  
b There might be job losses.
- We're going to export products to China next year.  
a They may export products to China next year.  
b They'll export products to China next year.
- There's a possibility that we'll make a loss this year.  
a We may make a loss this year.  
b We're making a loss this year.
- We plan to increase wages in September.  
a We'll be increasing wages in September.  
b We won't be increasing wages in September.

#### 4 Choose the option (a, b or c) that can't be used to complete the sentences.

- I think it \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
a will rain   b rains   c is going to rain
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the train at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.  
a caught   b are catching   c are going to catch
- He \_\_\_\_\_ to university in Paris next September.  
a is going   b going to go   c is going to go
- It's possible that Harris will win the race. He \_\_\_\_\_ first.  
a coming   b may come   c might come
- This time next week, we \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach.  
a will be sitting   b will be   c are sitting
- Sara has just announced that she \_\_\_\_\_ married!  
a is getting   b is going to get   c gets
- Don't call me at 4 p.m. because I \_\_\_\_\_ home from work.  
a drive   b will be driving   c may be driving
- Frank \_\_\_\_\_ out with us tonight because he's not very well.  
a isn't going to come   b doesn't come  
c isn't coming
- In five years' time, I \_\_\_\_\_ 30 years old.  
a 'll be   b 'll be being   c 'm going to be