

Vocabulary

Running a company

1 Choose the correct option a, b or c.

- 1 We haven't made or lost money this year. We've _____.
a broken even b broken down c broken up
- 2 We're looking to ____ into new markets in Asia and Africa.
a field b expand c market
- 3 My ____ are put into my bank account at the end of every month.
a losses b wages c competitors
- 4 We're ____ three new products this month.
a fielding b setting up c launching
- 5 The business has been in the family for years. It was ____ by my grandfather.
a broken even b set up c exported
- 6 We might have to close our business. We've made a ____ for three years in a row.
a profit b break even c loss
- 7 Last month, we expanded into new ____ in Mexico and Chile.
a markets b wages c profits
- 8 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 ¹ took over Harris and Co last September, the company has been doing very well. We've made a healthy ² ____ of \$3 million. We've done much better than Mark and Sons, which is our main ³ _____. We've also performed better than most other companies in our ⁴ _____. I'd like to thank all our employees. You will be receiving a little extra in your ⁵ ____ this month, as a way to say 'thank you'. Next year, we will continue to ⁶ ____ by growing our business. We're going to ⁷ ____ three new products and we hope to ⁸ ____ them to several countries in Europe.

Grammar

Future forms

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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 He's sure that there'll be job losses.
a There are going to be job losses.
b There might be job losses.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.

- 1 I think it ____ today.
a will rain b rains c is going to rain
- 2 We ____ the train at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.
a caught b are catching c are going to catch
- 3 He ____ to university in Paris next September.
a is going b going to go c is going to go
- 4 It's possible that Harris will win the race. He ____ first.
a coming b may come c might come
- 5 This time next week, we ____ on the beach.
a will be sitting b will be c are sitting
- 6 Sara has just announced that she ____ married!
a is getting b is going to get c gets
- 7 Don't call me at 4 p.m. because I ____ home from work.
a drive b will be driving c may be driving
- 8 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
- 9 In five years' time, I ____ 30 years old.
a 'll be b 'll be being c 'm going to be

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