

2 VOCABULARY Wealth and poverty

a Match the sentence halves.

- 1 ☒ The charity helps people who are
- 2 ☐ I've been lucky. I've never experienced any
- 3 ☐ We had to sell our car to
- 4 ☐ You'll get into debt if you don't learn to
- 5 ☐ The boom was a time of economic
- 6 ☐ They've got three cars, so they're obviously

- a make ends meet.
- b destitute.
- c live within your means.
- d well off.
- e hardship.
- f prosperity.

b Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

- A** How would you describe your early life?
- B** Well, life was pretty tough. There was a lot of financial ¹hardship / risk.
- A** Where were you brought up?
- B** In a rather ²sparse / deprived area with poor housing and not many amenities.
- A** Were you very poor?
- B** No, not really. We weren't exactly ³poverty / impoverished. We were never rich but never ⁴destitute / well off either. We had just enough money to live on and were careful to live ⁵on the breadline / within our means.
- A** Now that you've become rich and have a large ⁶available / disposable income, how has your life changed?
- B** Well, obviously I don't have to worry about ⁷wealth / making ends meet. We live in a nice house in an affluent area.
- A** And are you happier?
- B** A good question. I would say my life is pretty comfortable now but ⁸prosperity / poverty doesn't always necessarily bring you happiness.