BRINGING DREAMS TO LIFE

1. Read and listen to the sentences with words and phrases from the podcast. Guess the meaning of each bold words or phrase. Then write each word or phrase next to its definition.

a. His business success brought him great **wealth** at an early age. He was a billionaire by the age of 30.

b. Experts **estimate** that the number of people employed by small businesses will grow by 10 percent in the next 20 years.

c. Wow, the new design makes the restaurant look completely different. The change is really **striking**.

d. In my country, many young people **settle down** very soon after college. By the age of 30, most are married and have one or two children.

e. That singer was an **overnight success**. One day she was singing in a small club for almost no money, and the next day she had a number-one song.

f. He didn't have any money of his own, so he had to find an **investor** to help him start his business.

g. He has been working 24 hours a day for three days, without any sleep at all. He plans on spending the whole weekend in bed to **catch up on** his sleep.

h. He's retired now. His daughter **runs the business**.

i. She complains **constantly**. She never has anything positive to say.

j. Owning a business is more difficult than most people think. In fact, many small businesses enter into **bankruptcy** within a year or two of opening.

1. catch up on — (phrasal v) to do something to get back on schedule after falling behind
2. _____ — (adv) happening all the time, continuously
3. _____ — (phrasal v) locate and establish (oneself, one's family)
4. _____ — (n) a large amount of money and property
5. _____ — (n) a person who puts money into a business idea or activity in the hopes of making more money if the idea is successful
6. _____ — (v phrase) manages or controls a company or business
7. _____ — (n phrase) someone or something that becomes very successful in a very short period of time
8. _____ — (adj) immediately noticeable, usually in a positive or good sense
9. _____ — (v) figure the approximate (not exact) amount or extent of
10. _____ — (n) the legal state of being without money

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