

## Unit 5: Exercise 3

Complete the descriptions. Use the words in the box.

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Ltd

business

company

firms

liability

partnership

plc

responsible

shares

sole

- 1 The name for an organisation that does things in order to make money is a **business**.
- 2 The simplest type of business is a **sole** trader. It means a one-person business.
- 3 In contrast, a **company** usually has more than one person or many people who work together. The business is separate from the owners, so they can buy or sell it if they like.
- 4 In the UK, many small companies have the letters '**Ltd**' after their names. This means that the owners have *limited liability*.
- 5 Limited **liability** means that if the company gets into trouble, the company itself is liable, or **responsible**, for solving the problem, not the owners.
- 6 Bigger companies often have the letters '**plc**' after their names. This stands for *public limited company*.
- 7 A public limited company is one whose **shares** are listed on a stock market. In other words, ordinary people can buy and sell shares in the company.
- 8 A **partnership** has two or more owners, called *partners*, who are each liable for their business. So they're like a group of sole traders, rather than a company.
- 9 In many countries, most law or accountancy **firms** are partnerships, even those with thousands of employees.