

## Functional language Talking about risk



### 1 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap.

A: I think we need to be prepared <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all eventualities.

B: I agree. The worst <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ scenario is that we lose the contract. And that's a big deal.

A: It is. So, before the meeting we need to gather as much information as possible.

B: But that would be very <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_-consuming and expensive. The deadline's too short.

A: Yes, but we need to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the unexpected. If we're prepared for anything, that will <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us more confidence.

B: That's true, but if we know our business well enough, we'll be able to deal with any issues as they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

A: Do you think I'm being <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Possibly. You're right, we do need to be aware of potential problems – that way we can <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all bases, but just not in great detail.

A: OK. I hope you're right.

## Analysing risks

### 2 Choose the correct option in italics to complete the sentences.

1 There's a medium level of *probability* / *method* / *radar* that it will happen. But if it does, we'll be prepared.

2 *What effect* / *probability* / *methods* would we use to analyse the risks we're facing?

3 This will likely *range* / *cause* / *establish* us a delay in manufacturing if we don't do something now.

4 There's a *catastrophic* / *an urgent* / *a possible* need to deal with this issue as soon as possible.

5 From our analysis we have *caused* / *mitigated* / *identified* two main areas of risk.

6 I think that some of the problems may not be on our *impact* / *radar* / *plan*.

### 3 Match the sentences (1–6) in Exercise 2 with the functions (a–d).

a Talking about risk analysis \_\_\_\_\_

b Identifying risks \_\_\_\_\_

c Talking about probability and possible outcomes \_\_\_\_\_

d Deciding on action \_\_\_\_\_