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 <u>can't</u> 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