1 Match the sentence halves.

1 Their goalkeeper has been hit by _c_
2 Workers have gone ___
3 The man has been found ___
4 Supermarkets are trying to get ___
5 The judge told the boy to keep ___
6 People have carried out several opinion ___
7 There are fears that Chelsea's star ___
8 New drugs for the treatment ___

a rid of leftover food.
b polls about the election.
c injury and won't play in tomorrow's final.
d of the illness will be available next year.
e player has been injured.
f out of trouble or he would end up in prison.
g on strike because of low pay.
h guilty of theft.

2 Match definitions 1–8 with the words in the box.

breakthrough opinion poll profits quit scandal sentence strike ~~union~~

1 a group of workers that tries to improve working conditions _union_
2 to leave a job _____
3 an important discovery after a lot of work has been done _____
4 a survey of people's ideas _____
5 a shocking event _____
6 money you make when you sell something for more than you paid for it _____
7 a punishment from a law court _____
8 a period of time when workers stop working _____



3 Choose the correct alternatives.

1 A: Do you think that the two sides will sign the agreement?
B: Yes, I do and *there's a good chance it will/ it probably won't* happen today.
2 A: Do you think this decision will help workers?
B: Yes, absolutely. *It's bound to/ It probably won't* help all of us.
3 A: Do you think this drug will slow the development of the disease?
B: I'm not sure. It *definitely won't/ might* slow it down a bit.
4 A: Do you think your party will win the election?
B: No, they *are bound to/ definitely won't* win.
5 A: Do you think this opinion poll is correct?
B: Well, you can never be sure. But *it's fairly likely that it will/ it definitely won't* be close to the final result.
6 A: Do you think the manager will sell your star player?
B: No way! *He's bound to./ He definitely won't.*
7 A: Do you think the leader will quit after the election?
B: Maybe. *He'll definitely/ He might* want to do something else.
8 A: Do you think it'll be hot today?
B: Yes, look at that blue sky. *It'll definitely/ It probably won't* be sunny!

4 Read the sentences and tick the correct meaning.

1 There's a good chance that the president will visit.
a The president will probably visit. ✓
b The president probably won't visit.
2 This scandal is bound to damage the company.
a This scandal will almost certainly damage the company.
b This scandal almost certainly won't damage the company.
3 I doubt the team's star player is going to score today.
a The team's star player is probably going to score today.
b The team's star player probably isn't going to score today.
4 There's a small chance that there will be a storm tomorrow.
a There will almost certainly be a storm tomorrow.
b There probably won't be a storm tomorrow.
5 It's unlikely that the unions will reach an agreement today.
a The unions will probably reach an agreement today.
b The unions probably won't reach an agreement today.
6 Workers will definitely go on strike tomorrow.
a Workers are bound to go on strike tomorrow.
b Workers are unlikely to go on strike tomorrow.
7 It's fairly likely that profits will be higher than last year.
a Profits will probably be higher than last year.
b Profits almost certainly won't be higher than last year.
8 I doubt the boss will quit today.
a The boss will almost certainly quit today.
b The boss almost certainly won't quit today.

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