

MONEY

1 Fill in the gaps in these sentences with an appropriate word or phrase. Use the entries for the words in **bold** to help you. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- a Private health insurance might cost an awful **lot** of money, but it's worth every penny.
- b The shares have almost doubled _____ **value** since I bought them.
- c Cigarettes are set to _____ **price** for the fifth successive year.
- d The failure of the business left him _____ financial **ruin**.
- e An oil spill would _____ economic **ruin** for the local fishing industry.
- f The _____ **salary** for new employees is quite generous.
- g The company _____ **bankrupt** during the recent credit crisis.

Sentences **h-m** have no words in **bold**. Read the sentences carefully to decide for yourself which word(s) you need to look up.

- h We've been living _____ a/an _____ budget since the baby was born.
- i It cost me more to make the chairs than I could sell them for, so I actually _____ a loss _____ the deal.
- j She _____ a large bank loan and then had great difficulty _____ it _____.
- k After a surge _____ demand, the company's stock has _____ a/an _____ high.
- l She _____ a fortune _____ the stock market in the 80s.
- m The rising cost of fuel is _____ a strain _____ the company's finances.

2 Choose an adjective from the left-hand box and a noun from the right-hand box and match them up with the definitions below. You can look up the entries for the nouns to help you.

small healthy false
small take-home

pay fortune change
bank balance* economy

- a coins of low value small change
- b a lot of money _____
- c a fair amount of money in the bank _____
- d the amount of money that you have left after you have paid tax on your salary _____
- e an attempt to save money by buying something cheap that does not really save money at all because the goods are of poor quality and do not last very long _____

* look up *balance*