

# Noun and verb collocations

**A Match the first part of the sentences (1–8) to the second part (a–h).**

- 1 He spent days trying to fix his bicycle, but in the end he had to admit \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 If you find it's too difficult you can stop, but you have to make \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It took him a long time to earn \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It is her parents who need to make \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 When I heard about the accident, I felt great \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 He looked so different when I saw him that I got \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Whenever I see him, he always makes \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 They wanted their manager to increase their wages, but she refused to \_\_\_\_\_

- a an attempt.
- b a judgement about the school.
- c a shock.
- d defeat.
- e a remark about my hair.
- f sympathy for the whole family.
- g meet their demands.
- h the child's trust.

**B Complete the sentences using phrases from the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.**

admit defeat   earned trust   feel sympathy   got a shock  
 make a judgement   make remarks   meet their demand

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ when I received my first phone bill.
- 2 We all sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ that we wish later we hadn't made.
- 3 She has \_\_\_\_\_ with her neighbours by getting involved in local charities.
- 4 You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ about someone when you have only just met them.
- 5 The students are campaigning for the government to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 It's impossible not to \_\_\_\_\_ for people suffering from serious illnesses.
- 7 She is very determined and doesn't easily \_\_\_\_\_ .

**C Choose the correct nouns to complete the sentences.**

- 1 I got a terrible *defeat / attempt / shock* when I saw the bill after the meal.
- 2 She made a last *demand / defeat / attempt* to persuade him before she left.
- 3 Because he has a hard life, he is the character we feel *sympathy / trust / judgement* for.
- 4 After the way you have behaved, it will take some time to earn my *judgement / demand / trust* again.
- 5 He made a *remark / demand / defeat* about everybody as they walked into the room.
- 6 How long will it be until she admits *demand / denial / defeat* and says that our performance was better?