

#### Vocabulary practice

**1 Complete the sentences with eight of the words in the *Keywords* box.**

- 1 The changes in the office are really going to \_\_\_\_\_ my work.
- 2 Losing his job had a big \_\_\_\_\_ on Jack's life.
- 3 I asked the neighbour to \_\_\_\_\_ our cat when we went away for the weekend.
- 4 Snakes such as vipers can kill you with their \_\_\_\_\_ poison.
- 5 As a police officer, I \_\_\_\_\_ different situations every day in my work.
- 6 I got 15 percent in my physics exam. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ it – I'm no good at science.
- 7 According to a government \_\_\_\_\_, unemployment is finally falling.
- 8 There is a \_\_\_\_\_ level of unemployment in my country.

**2 Complete the sentences with the words from sentences 5–8 in exercise 1. They are used as a different part of speech – for example as a noun instead of a verb.**

- 1 You could tell by the look on his \_\_\_\_\_ that he was very happy about the news.
- 2 Twenty dollars for this box of books? It's a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3 Adele is going to \_\_\_\_\_ a new album in the spring.
- 4 There are several websites for my favourite actor but only one of them is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grammar practice

- 3 Find these *-ing* forms in the article. Are they acting as nouns (N), verbs (V), or adjectives (A)?**

resulting \_\_\_\_\_  
causing \_\_\_\_\_  
flooding \_\_\_\_\_  
following \_\_\_\_\_  
creating \_\_\_\_\_  
leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
dealing \_\_\_\_\_  
warming \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Rewrite the following sentences from the article as two sentences.**

- 1 Twenty-eight centimetres of rain fell on Rio de Janeiro in 24 hours, causing mud slides that buried hundreds of people.
- 2 Floods in Thailand left factories near Bangkok under water, creating a worldwide shortage of computer hard drives.
- 3 Deadly heat waves have hit Europe, leaving 35,000 people dead in 2003.