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.