Review 1

Language check

Present simple and continuous

Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the present simple or continuous.

1	She is the director of a company which		
	(manufacture)	biotech drugs.	
2	Her day (start)	at 8 am.	
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- 3 She usually (not / finish) _____ until late in the evening.
- 4 Right now the company (look) _____ for a new CEO.
- 5 It (take) _____ longer than they thought it would.
- 6 They (know) _____ that choosing the right person is critical.
- 7 The company (go) _____ through a difficult time at the moment.
- 8 We (not / move) _____ into our new offices until next year.

Articles

Complete the text with either a definite or indefinite article or no article at all (ø).

1	Learn to Lea		r and
worksh	nop provides ²	senior	
manag	aement staff with 3_	exc	cellent
oppor	tunity to learn and a	apply ⁴	very
latest	eadership technique	es: techniqi	ues that
have l	peen developed an	d tested in	
wide	variety of challengir	ng business	
enviro	onments and which	have yielde	ed °
excitir	ng insights into busi	ness leader	ship.

Future forms

Complete the sentences with an appropriate future form.

- The press launch (take) _____ place at 9:30 on Friday morning.
- 2 I've tried reconnecting the computer but I'm afraid it just (not / work) ______.

3	Jane has just told me that she (leave) the company.		
4	Can I help you with that? I (sort)it out in no time.		
5	We (have) lunch at the Thai restaurant. Why don't you join us?		
6	I don't care whose fault it is. I just want to know what you (do) about it.		
7	We (launch) the new corporate identity on 27 May.		
8	Leave it with us. We (get) back to you as soon as we can.		

Consolidation

Underline the correct forms of the words in *italics*.

PHILIPS

Philips, with almost \$30bn in annual sales, is one of 1 ø/the Europe's biggest corporations. It not only 2 is producing/produces billions of light bulbs and lamps every year but it also 3 is supplying / supplies TV tubes to almost 20 per cent of 4 ø/the world's TV manufacturers. But there is one thing the Philips consumer products group 5 isn't doing / doesn't do: and that's make 6 a/the profit. Gerard Kleisterlee, the newly appointed CEO, is about to change all that. Kleisterlee has introduced 7 the /a series of changes to streamline the way the company operates; centralising business processes, selling off unprofitable subsidiaries and focusing research on 8 ø/the innovative new products. In the USA he 9 delivers /is delivering an ultimatum: either its consumer division 10 starts /is starting to make money or it 11 will /is going to have to be closed. In Europe Philips 12 builds / is building a new hitech HQ, which it hopes 13 is going to /will facilitate flexibility and networking. All of this will be essential if the company 14 is going to/ will produce the results that its shareholders expect. But Kleisterlee is optimistic; he believes his vision of Philip's future 15 will /is going to guide the company back to profitability.

Vocabulary check

1 Put the words in the correct groups.

forecasts delegate entrepreneur subordinate threat shareholder authority producer hierarchy supervise growth planning opportunity task subsidiary

companies	leadership	strategy

2 Now use the words to complete the text.

Viviane Rowland is the managing director of a small company, Tristar Laminates, which she
founded with a group of fellow 1 in
June 2000. Together they had successfully
identified a business ² to produce
fibreglass components for the marine industry.
Initially the three founders were the only
in the company but it soon became
clear that they would need extra capital. They
eventually managed to convince a local
businessman to invest £50,000 in exchange for
30 per cent of the company. Since then Tristar's
has been spectacular and Viviane
now ⁵ a staff of 18 people and an operation with half a million pounds in sales.
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6 for the future is the immediate
problem that the company has to face. At the
moment production is carried out in a factory
that has become too small but finding an
alternative site is not an easy 7 'This
industry is a dangerous one for small
8 like ourselves who only have
limited resources,' Viviane says, 'and when we
make a strategic decision like this we can't afford
to get it wrong.'

Career skills

Talking about your job

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 She reports to ...
- 2 I'm responsible for ...
- 3 My job involves ...
- 4 I work for ...
- a a team of five software developers.
- b a lot of planning and negotiating.
- c a small consulting firm.
- d the director of human resources.

Getting things done

Put the dialogue in the correct order.

- a I'm really getting behind with that new proposal. I'll never get it done on time.
 - a I've got too many other things to do. I don't suppose you could give me a hand with it?
- a It'd be great if you could have a look at the prices and check my figures.
- b That's fine. I'll do that today. Anything else?
- ☐ b Sure, what exactly can I do to help?
- ☐ b Is that the one for the Spanish office? What seems to be the problem?

Short presentations

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Finally I'd just like to say ...
- 2 On this next slide ...
- 3 I'll discuss ...
- 4 That brings me ...
- a you'll see how this has affected our performance.
- b each of these points in more detail later.
- c to the last part of this talk.
- d how much I've enjoyed making this presentation.