# 3 Practice file

## Working with words

- 1 The people in sentences 1–10 all have problems.

  Match problems 1–10 to the departments a–j that they call for help.
  - 1 5% of the products we made today were defective. <u>d</u>
  - 2 My phone doesn't work.
  - 3 I need a new assistant in my department.
  - 4 I want to do a course to improve my English. \_\_\_
  - 5 I don't know if we have enough cash in the bank to pay this supplier. \_\_\_\_
  - 6 I want customers to know about this new product.
  - 7 I want to buy some new furniture for my office.
  - 8 A customer has just called to say he isn't happy. \_\_\_
  - 9 I want to know if we can transport an order to a customer before Friday. \_\_\_\_
  - 10 I need a new program which works more quickly. \_\_\_\_
  - a Customer Services
  - **b** Logistics
  - c Technical Support
  - d Quality Control
  - e Training
  - f Finance
  - g Human Resources
  - h Marketing
  - i IT
  - j Purchasing

#### 2 Choose the correct answer from the phrases in italics.

- 1 The company *is divided into / divides into / is divide-between* three business units.
- 2 She's *charged of / in charge of / charge for* the Logistics Department.
- 3 The Sales Manager *is reported to / reports to / reports at* the Sales and Marketing Director.
- 4 The IT Manager is responsible *for / of / to* developing new software solutions.
- 5 We have a lot of contact *to / on / with* the Finance Department.

### **Business communication**

- 1 Look at the three diagrams. Which diagram
  - 1 is a pie chart? b
  - 2 is a graph? \_\_\_\_
  - 3 is a table? \_\_\_
  - 4 shows rises in sales?
  - 5 shows rises and falls in sales? \_\_\_
  - 6 shows the breakdown of sales by region? \_\_\_
  - 7 doesn't give any figures? \_\_\_\_





#### c Total sales by quarter

Q1	\$24.5 m
Q2	\$22.3 m
Q3	\$25.1 m
Q4	\$28.2 m

- 2 Put the words in *italics* in the right order to complete the sentences from a presentation.
  - 1 Here's a diagram of our company structure. that / clear / Is Is that clear ?
  - 2 Here are our sales figures. OK / see / everybody / that / Can \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 3 see / you / As / can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 thing / The / here / is / important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we had a good year.
  - the number of new customers.

    the number of new customers.

    the number of new customers.

    It shows our
  - sales figures for the first quarter of the year.

    6 breakdown / of / table / the / This / shows / sales

see that?

# Language at work | Asking questions

#### Questions

#### Form

1 The normal order of words in a question is: question word or phrase + auxiliary + subject + verb.

Where do you work?

How many days is he staying?

2 The order of words is the same even when the subject consists of several words.

What time are the CEO and the Production Manager arriving?

3 In questions with a *yes / no* answer, the order of words is: auxiliary + subject + verb.

Does he work in production? Are you opening a new office?

4 The auxiliary and verb form are different for each tense:

Present simple: do / does + verb

Where does he live?

Present continuous: am / is / are + -ing

Why are you calling?

Past simple: did + verb
What time did you arrive?

For more information on the past simple, see page 109.

#### **Exceptions**

1 When the verb *be* is the main verb, there is no auxiliary. The order of words in a question is: question word(s) + verb + subject.

When is the meeting?
Where was he yesterday?

2 When the question word (or words) is the subject of the sentence, there is no auxiliary. The order of words is: question word(s) + verb.

Who works here?
How many people are coming?

- 1 Choose the correct question from a or b.
  - 1 a Where does your boss work?
    - b Where works your boss?
  - 2 a What do you make products here?
    - b What products do you make here?
  - 3 a Why is changing your logo?
    - b Why is your logo changing?
  - 4 a Do you have a canteen here?
    - b Have you a canteen here?
  - 5 a How often the company does launch new products?
    - b How often does the company launch new products?
  - 6 a Who does the Sales Manager report to?
    - b Who the Sales Manager reports to?
  - 7 a Does the company opening any new factories?
    - b Is the company opening any new factories?
  - 8 a How long ago did you move here?
    - b How long you did move here ago?
  - 9 a When do your offices are open?
    - b When are your offices open?
  - 10 a How many people are work in this department?
    - b How many people work in this department?
- 2 A manager of Wrigley's, famous for its chewing gum, is answering questions about the company. Look at his answers and decide what questions the journalist asked. Use the words in *italics* to help you and add any other words you need.

1	your / Where / sell / products / you	
	Q Where do you sell your products	_?
	A In more than 150 countries.	
2	the company / When / start	
	Q	_?
	<b>A</b> In 1891.	
3	its head office / have / Where / it	
	Q	_?
	A In Chicago.	
4	people / employ / many / the company / How	
	Q	_?
	<b>A</b> About 15,000.	
5	chewing gum / much / Americans / How / eat	
	Q	_?
	A About 180 servings of gum per year	