

b Complete the sentences with words from 2a.

- Investors buy and sell shares on the 'stock market' or 'stock
- The Dow Jones is an American stock market
- The dollar, euro and yen are all
- The price of the euro to the dollar, for example, is an

c Put these verbs from 2a into two groups.

go down go up increase decrease
fall rise

- ▲ *go up* / /
- ▼ / /

d Fall and rise are both irregular verbs. What are (a) the past simple and (b) past participle forms?

- fall: a *fell* b
- rise: a b

e Vocabulary practice ...> Page 101, Exercise 1.

f Look at the TV screen in 2a. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of verbs from 2c.

- So far today, the HSI in Hong Kong has by 0.30%.
- Today, shares in the Japanese company Nippon Express have by 1.75%.
- This month, Germany's DAX index has by 1.24%.

Present perfect: today, this week/
month/year

Share prices have risen today.

The price has gone up this week.

The index has fallen this year.

...> Grammar reference 4.2.5

g Grammar practice ...> Page 102, Exercise 2.

h Work with a partner. Describe things you've done:

- today
- this week
- this month
- this year

A I've made three phone calls today.

B I haven't made any.

3 a **49** Listen to an interview with Alan Styran, the chief executive of Geo-Core, on a business news programme. Answer the questions.

- Has business been good for Geo-Core so far this year?
- What does Geo-Core do?
- Why is the oil price high?

b **49** Listen again and tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	▲ up	▼ down
1 Geo-Core's share price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The S&P 500 index	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Geo-Core's profit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 The oil price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c **49** Listen again and complete these sentences from the interview.

- Your share price has by % in the first quarter of this year.
- The S&P 500 has by % so far this year.
- Our profit has by % this quarter.

d Look at the transcript for 3b on page 120 and check your answers.

4 Communication practice 22. Student A ...> Page 84. Student B ...> Page 92.

5 Work in groups. Talk about recent movements in share prices, oil prices and exchange rates.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

The share price has risen 32% this year.

The company's sales have decreased.

Oil prices have gone up this quarter.

The company has done quite badly this year.

Profits have increased again.

Recently, the euro has fallen against the dollar.