

## Internet research

Search for the keywords *property investment* and collect the boldest claims made. Conduct a quick class survey to find the most outrageous property investment claim.

- 3** Work with a partner. Decide on the meaning of the idioms below taken from the newspaper article about Felicia.

have your head screwed on    put all your eggs in one basket  
go pear-shaped    the other side of the coin


Do you have any of these idioms in your first language?


## Vocabulary

- 4** Match the investment jargon on the left with the simpler explanations on the right.

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| 1 boost income streams                | a) charge a lot of money                                |
| 2 adopt a defensive investment stance | b) protection against the rises and falls of the market |
| 3 a buffer against market volatility  | c) behaving in an individual manner                     |
| 4 a diversified portfolio             | d) increase revenues                                    |
| 5 going against the herd instinct     | e) an investment that can't go wrong                    |
| 6 a lack of transparency              | f) find ways of decreasing risk                         |
| 7 command a premium price             | g) no ability to see what is really going on            |
| 8 a sure-fire investment              | h) a range of investments in different assets           |

## Listening

- 6**  2:25 Listen to Tommaso Mancini, an investment product salesman, speaking at an investment fair. Which of the expressions from Exercise 4 does he use?

- 6**  2:25 Listen again and note down the investment advice he offers on the topics below.

- Planning for retirement
- Currencies
- Property

- 7** Work with a partner. Which pieces of advice do you agree with?

## Speaking

- 6** Work with a partner. Your aim is to establish your partner's investment profile, preferences and possible plans for the next few years. Think about attitude to risk, favoured geographical areas, expectations of future wealth and types of investment (e.g. financial instruments, property, stocks and shares, exotic investments).

## Writing

- 9** Write a short summary of your partner's investment profile.

