

EXERCISES

1 Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

- Too many meetings *kill* / *result from* motivation at work.
- Success *leads to* / *is the result of* luck and hard work.
- Bad weather usually *arises from* / *makes* more people drive to work.
- The failure of the business *fostered* / *was a consequence* of bad management.
- Bonuses often *bring about* / *arise from* improved sales results.
- The band's appearance in a cola advert *contributed to* / *was the result of* sales.

2 Complete the sentences with these expressions.

arise	bring	consequence
foster	kill	lead

- Poor performance is a _____ of low investment.
- Conflicts often _____ from poor communication.
- Changes in management can _____ to improved results.
- Flexitime can _____ a positive attitude among workers.
- A big success will usually _____ about strong feelings of satisfaction.
- Strong negative criticism can _____ creativity.

3 Match each sentence (1–6) with a possible ending (a–c).

- Traffic in the town centre gives rise to
 - Severe traffic problems make
 - Traffic delays often result from
 - Unexpectedly high traffic volumes often produce
 - Traffic jams are often the result of
 - Road works often cause
- road works.
 - commuter delays.
 - people late for work.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- hard / is / of / result / success / the / work
_____.
- contributes / feelings / happiness / of / sunny / to / weather
_____.
- you / trust / people / makes / honest / being
_____.
- communication / foster / good / in / offices / open / spaces
_____.
- consequence / management / low / of / is / a / productivity / poor
_____.
- high / increased / lead / sales / sales / targets / to
_____.

5 Join the two phrases using the word in brackets.

- bad diet, poor health (rise)

- increased productivity, regular breaks (results)

- back pain, bad posture (contributes)

- lack of sleep, poor work performance (cause)

- people angry, inappropriate phone use (make)

- networking, increased opportunities (lead)

6 Rewrite the sentences using the word in bold.

- He resigned as he was stressed. **account**
He resigned on account of stress.
- Due to an increased workload this year, I will no longer be able to play in the football team. **result**

- She decided to quit her job because she wanted to spend some time travelling. **That's why**

- Since he had taken early retirement, he wasn't able to draw his full pension. **Consequently**

- I got a pay rise, so I've been able to start looking for my own flat at last. **thanks**

- Only one of the team could be promoted, which resulted in tensions in the office. **thus**

7 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- Unreasonable demands from managers result unhappy employees.

- Employee dissatisfaction consequences of low pay and poor working conditions.

- Poor computer security rises to possible loss of data.

- Company restructuring leads to employees feel insecure.

- Constant negativity from management results to frustrated employees.

- Training contributes a safer work environment.
