

### EXERCISES

**1** Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Too many meetings *kill* / *result from* motivation at work.
- 2 Success *leads to* / *is the result of* luck and hard work.
- 3 Bad weather usually *arises from* people driving / *makes more people drive* to work.
- 4 The failure of the business *fostered* / *was a consequence of* bad management.
- 5 Bonuses often *bring about* / *arise from* improved sales results.
- 6 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

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

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

- 1 Traffic in the town centre gives rise to
- 2 Severe traffic problems make
- 3 Traffic delays often result from
- 4 Unexpectedly high traffic volumes often produce
- 5 Traffic jams are often the result of
- 6 Road works often cause

- a road works.
- b commuter delays.
- c people late for work.

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

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

**5** Join the two phrases using the word in brackets.

- 1 bad diet, poor health (rise)
- 2 increased productivity, regular breaks (results)
- 3 back pain, bad posture (contributes)
- 4 lack of sleep, poor work performance (cause)
- 5 people angry, inappropriate phone use (make)
- 6 networking, increased opportunities (lead)

**6** Rewrite the sentences using the word in bold.

- 1 He resigned as he was stressed. **account**  
He resigned on account of stress.
- 2 Due to an increased workload this year, I will no longer be able to play in the football team. **result**
- 3 She decided to quit her job because she wanted to spend some time travelling. **That's why**
- 4 Since he had taken early retirement, he wasn't able to draw his full pension. **Consequently**
- 5 I got a pay rise, so I've been able to start looking for my own flat at last. **thanks**
- 6 Only one of the team could be promoted, which resulted in tensions in the office. **thus**

**7** Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Unreasonable demands from managers result unhappy employees.
- 2 Employee dissatisfaction consequences of low pay and poor working conditions.
- 3 Poor computer security rises to possible loss of data.
- 4 Company restructuring leads to employees feel insecure.
- 5 Constant negativity from management results to frustrated employees.
- 6 Training contributes a safer work environment.