

Exercise 7

Read the sentences, paying attention to the words in bold. Then choose the correct answers to complete the summaries of what the writer is suggesting.

1. Hydron Ltd opened four regional offices in the 1990s. In hindsight, one may argue that they **could have opened** considerably more.

The writer is suggesting that Hydron didn't do enough/did very well in the 1990s.

2. When Royal Mail shares were made available to the British public in 2013, the government charged just a little over £3 per share. They **should have charged** substantially more.

The writer is suggesting an error was made/laws were followed.

3. Priceright Supermarkets carried out an extensive and expensive refurbishment of their central Leeds store in 2017. In fact, they **needn't have bothered**, as the chain went bankrupt just two months later.

The writer is suggesting that Priceright weren't able to achieve their aims/did something that was unnecessary.

4. At this point in his career, Richard Lambert **could have retired** at the age of just 39. Instead, he chose to set up yet another business.

The writer is suggesting that Lambert had a choice/retirement was the best choice for Lambert

5. In hindsight, I realise that I **shouldn't have charged** so much when I first opened my business.

The writer is suggesting that they did something wrong/failed to do something important.