

## 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 .