

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 If we hadn't checked the website, we wouldn't have known (know) that the plane was delayed.
- 2 If you weren't working (work) so many hours at the moment, you wouldn't be tired all the time.
- 3 If I had seen (see) that advertisement in last week's paper, I might still be looking for a job.
- 4 She would have gone (go) home if she'd known you were coming. She was desperate to see you.
- 5 If you'd been more careful, the accident might not have happened (might / not / happen).
- 6 If I'd missed my train, I wouldn't be sitting (sit) here now, talking to you.
- 7 If there were more people (be / not) so many people in the pool, I'd probably go for a swim.
- 8 They would have lent (probably / lend) you the money you need if you hadn't been so rude to them.

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3 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 He's a great guy. Even so / *Considering that*, he really annoys me sometimes.
- 2 You could argue that happiness is more important than money, bearing that in mind / *but then again*, you might say money is more important.
- 3 The weather was awful when we were on holiday. Despite that / *Given that*, we had a nice time.
- 4 You've worked very hard this year. Bearing that in mind / *But all the same*, I'm going to promote you.
- 5 The government has known for a long time about the lack of specialists, considering that / *and yet* they have done nothing to deal with the problem.
- 6 You have been charged with many offences in the past. Taking that into account / *But in spite of that*, I'll be recommending a prison sentence.
- 7 Georgina can be very sweet sometimes. Taking that into account / *Having said that*, she's not in a good mood at the moment.
- 8 The weather was terrible. Given that / *In spite of that*, we decided to end our holiday early.

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- 2 The president has threatened to impose ____
- 3 The Royal Wedding will enjoy massive ____
- 4 Scientists have announced a major ____
- 5 My son made an offensive ____
- 6 The brave journalist exposed ____
- 7 The mobile phone ban has caused ____
- 8 The government's decision to withdraw ____
 - a coverage by the world's media.
 - b comment, which I told him off for.
 - c outrage among the students.
 - d from the treaty has disappointed many people.
 - e tariffs on all electrical goods.
 - f welcomed by the staff.
 - g a cover-up by several big banks.
 - h breakthrough in cancer research.

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Function

7 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 The pie chart / *photo* here shows how we have invested your money.
- 2 I think it causes / *illustrates* my point very well.
- 3 As / *What* you can see, we have invested a lot of it in green energy.
- 4 You will also advise / *notice* that we have invested heavily in developing countries.
- 5 In fact, these two areas account for / *are down to* more than 50 percent of investments.
- 6 The amount we have invested is the consequence / *equivalent* of \$2 million a day.
- 7 Just as a similarity / *comparison*, that's twice as much as our competitor.
- 8 This leads / *means* that your money is literally making the world a better place to live in.
- 9 The point / *question* now is, what should be done with the other half of our investments?
- 10 Let's give / *turn* to look at that now.
- 11 So let's notice / *look* at some possibilities.

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5 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The company's decision has been widely f