Chapter 5

Exercise 1

1. I’m sorry but I can’t lift this package. It’s too heavy.
2. How well can you speak Italian? Can you translate this letter?
3. Although she has studied French for many years, she has never been able to speak it well.
4. Merrill can fly a plane, but she doesn’t own one.
5. Have you ever been able to find an answer to your question?
6. Janet could / was able to speak four languages as a child.
7. Cats can’t / aren’t able to see colours. They’re colour-blind.
8. I have never been able to understand algebra.
9. He is the world champion. No one has ever been able to beat him at chess.
10. Can you give me a hand? I can’t do this alone.
11. Sam used to be able to stay up all night when he was a teenager.
12. We hope you were able to find out the answer last night.
13. Doctors were able to treat that disease successfully last year.
14. Sherry used to be able to eat as much as she wanted to without gaining weight.
15. Madeleine has been able to skate since she was a child. She was able to win the bronze medal at the Olympics.
16. Arthur could / was able to spell very well when he was in high school. He was able to win every spelling contest at school.

Exercise 2

In 1839, Kirkpatrick Macmillan, a Scotsman, was able to build the first modern bicycle. People could / were able to ride this bicycle without their feet touching the ground.

Macmillan was able to build this bicycle because of his skill as a blacksmith. Unfortunately, Macmillan couldn’t / wasn’t able to control his passion for bicycles so people nicknamed him “Daft Pate” (“Crazy Head”). In June 1942, Macmillan was able to travel from Dumfries to Glasgow, Scotland, by bicycle. He was able to complete this 40-mile journey in two days. He (not) was not able to make better time because of the terrible roads and the state of the technology.

Macmillan did have some problems, however. He couldn’t / wasn’t able to control his primitive bicycle very well. He knocked someone down and almost ran over a child. He received a fine for this.
In 1845, another Scotsman, Gavin Dalzell, was able to improve the design of Macmillan’s bicycle. He was able to construct a bicycle with pedals below the seat, instead of under the handlebars. These first bicycles had extremely large front wooden wheels with iron rims. Riding a bicycle could frighten all but the bravest and the most determined. It took another 45 years before bicycle enthusiasts were able to develop the safety bicycle with equal-sized wheels.

Exercise 3

1. If you want to stay healthy you shouldn’t smoke.
2. If you want to stay healthy you ought to take vitamins.
3. If you want to stay healthy, you shouldn’t drink a lot of alcohol.
4. If you want to stay healthy you shouldn’t eat a lot of red meat.
5. If you want to stay healthy you ought to have an annual checkup.
6. If you want to stay healthy you should exercise at least three times a week.
7. If you want to stay healthy you ought to protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen.
8. If you want to stay healthy you should go to the dentist regularly.
9. If you want to stay healthy you shouldn’t put on a lot of weight.
10. If you want to stay healthy you ought to maintain a work/life balance.
11. If you want to stay healthy you should walk instead of drive as often as possible.
12. If you want to stay healthy, you ought to drink at least eight glasses of water every day.
13. If you want to stay healthy you should laugh at lot and you shouldn’t take yourself too seriously.
14. If you want to stay healthy you ought to get plenty of sleep.

Exercise 4

1. You ought to ask the doctor to give you some antibiotics.
2. You should do some stretches and leg exercises.
3. Martha ought to stop drinking red wine.
4. Andrea should get a pet or make some new friends.
5. Your friend ought to write everything down.
6. You should cut down on eating junk food and cook your meals from scratch once in a while.
7. Marsha shouldn’t watch TV before bed and she should take a warm bath instead.
8. Your parents ought to get flu shots in the fall and take vitamins.
9. You shouldn’t eat between meals and you should cut down on how much you eat at meals.
10. He shouldn’t sit for too long and he should go to see a physiotherapist.
Exercise 5

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1. You shouldn’t feel bad about something after it has happened.
2. You should be very careful before you take any action.
3. You should start early if you want to have a better chance of success.
4. You shouldn’t worry about problems until they actually happen.
5. You shouldn’t put all your resources into one undertaking.
6. You shouldn’t make judgments based on appearances.
7. You should save even a little bit of money.

Exercise 6

1. You should thank your friend for giving you such a lovely gift.
2. Because you work here, you don’t have to get permission to park in the staff parking lot.
3. You don’t have to tip the waiter, but you should if you think the service is good. You should leave about 15 per cent tip.
4. If you want to be healthy, you shouldn’t smoke.
5. You have to have a driver’s licence if you want to rent a car.
6. If you want to get a driver’s licence, you have to pass a written test and a road test.
7. You should give your friends a call before you drop in on them.
8. Joan doesn’t have to pay rent because she lives with her family.
9. The nurse says I shouldn’t a lot of starchy foods if I want to lose weight.
10. I don’t have to get up early tomorrow because it’s Saturday and there are no classes, so I should turn off my alarm clock.
11. This school is a public building. You shouldn’t leave anything valuable in the classroom.
12. You **have to** pass the admission test before you can register for this program.
13. He **has to** get a passport if he wants to travel abroad.
14. Younger passengers **should** offer their seats to the elderly or people with disabilities on buses.
15. A driver **has to** buy automobile insurance or else he can’t drive in Ontario.

**Exercise 7**

1. I should have studied harder for the test.
2. Ellen shouldn’t have gossiped about her classmates.
3. The students shouldn’t have cheated on the test.
4. Mary Ann should have taken a trip last summer.
5. Fred should have finished university.
6. May should have answered her emails promptly.
7. They should have visited Hong Kong when they were in China.
8. Allen shouldn’t have stayed up so late the night before his test.
9. I shouldn’t have called you names.
10. He shouldn’t have made Jennifer angry.
11. I shouldn’t have bought that expensive pair of boots.
12. She shouldn’t have argued with her husband.

**Exercise 8**

1. George shouldn’t have given his house away to an acquaintance.
2. He shouldn’t have quit his job.
3. He shouldn’t have stopped seeing his old friends.
4. He shouldn’t have refused to see a lawyer or a financial advisor to help him manage his money.
5. He shouldn’t have continued gambling when he was losing money.
6. He shouldn’t have spent so much time and money on his new friends.
7. George should have listened to his family and he should have continued seeing them.
8. George should have agreed to meet with his former bank manager to discuss his financial situation.
9. He should have continued to see his old friends
10. He should have tried to invest or save some of his new money.
11. He should have controlled his spending.
Exercise 9

1. Violence in TV programs might decrease.
2. There might be less violence in real life.
3. People may decide that showing violence has a bad effect on children.
4. Could TV programs which show fewer murders and deaths still be interesting?
5. Video games in the future may not contain as much violence as they do today.
6. Could video games be just as exciting without violence?
7. In the future people may not find violence as entertaining as they do today.
8. Could comedy be just as interesting as violence in attracting viewers?
9. People may grow tired of seeing so much violence in the media.
10. It might not take a long time to find a substitute for the attraction of violence in the media.

Exercise 10

1. There might be extraterrestrials in our universe.
2. They might come from other solar systems.
3. They may not look like us at all.
4. They could be more intelligent than we are.
5. They may be observing us at this very moment.
6. They may be trying to get in touch with us.
7. They might not know how to communicate with us.
8. They may belong to a much older and much more developed civilization.
9. Could they be interested in us?
10. Could we be too primitive to understand them?
11. Could they be afraid of us?
12. They might not be interested in communicating with us.
13. They might not trust our species.
14. They might be waiting for us to communicate with them.

Exercise 11

1. Doctors might discover a cure for cancer in the future.
2. Doctors and scientists may find a way of extending human life.
3. Doctors and scientists could find remedies for the aging process.
4. Scientists might find methods to replace or renew worn-out organs such as the heart.
5. Scientists may find ways to enable the blind to see.
6. Scientists could find ways of repairing the brains of people who have had strokes or have Alzheimer’s.
7. Scientists in the future may be able to use genetic engineering to create perfect human beings.
8. Scientists might be able to develop self-driving automobiles.
9. Scientists may be able to understand everything about the human brain in the future.
10. In the future scientists could develop non-polluting green fuels.
11. In the future scientists may discover ways to control the climate.

Exercise 12

1. I’m not sure. She might have caught the flu.
2. I’m not sure. She could have made an appointment to see the doctor.
3. I’m not sure. She might not have gotten the flu shot this fall.
4. I’m not sure. She may not have been careful about washing her hands.
5. I’m not sure. She may have gone to the hospital emergency department.
6. I’m not sure. The nurse could have taken her temperature.
7. I’m not sure. They could have done blood tests at the hospital.
8. I’m not sure. Her mother may have made her some chicken soup.
9. I’m not sure. She might have stayed in bed and had plenty of fluids.
10. I’m not sure. She may have taken aspirin and cough syrup.

Exercise 13

1. The Egyptians might have built the Great Pyramid using half a million men and it might have taken fifty years. Or they could have had help from creatures from outer space.
2. They could have hidden in remote areas and avoided all contact with humans. Or people might just have imagined seeing them.
3. They may have seen real space ships, or they could have seen airplanes, helicopters, weather balloons, or meteors.
4. They may have wanted to build it as a temple, a gigantic calendar, a burial ground, or an observatory.
5. They could have seen a prehistoric creature which survived. Or they might have seen a fake monster created to attract tourists to Scotland.
6. They may have disappeared because there are special forces in that area which destroy boats and planes. Or the disappearances may have been due to human error, equipment failure, or natural disasters.
7. They might have meant that people will change and become more spiritual. Or they could have meant there would be a natural disaster.
8. He may have been a real time traveller or he could have been an imposter.
9. They could have guessed these things or they might have noticed clues and other information subconsciously.
10. They may have seen energy, matter, or the souls of the dead. Or they could have imagined all this.