

## Chapter 2: Exercises

### 1 Prepositions

Replace the missing prepositions in the gaps in the following sentences.

- (1) Ten units must be delivered \_\_\_\_\_ the buyer \_\_\_\_\_ 30 November.
- (2) This agreement can be terminated \_\_\_\_\_ giving not less than 14 days' notice \_\_\_\_\_ writing.
- (3) Rent will be paid \_\_\_\_\_ accordance \_\_\_\_\_ this agreement.
- (4) The merchandise must be delivered \_\_\_\_\_ 7 days.
- (5) Interest will be charged \_\_\_\_\_ any amounts still unpaid \_\_\_\_\_ 3 November.

### 2 Relative Pronouns

Relative pronouns include *who, whom, whose, which* and *that*, and provide an important method of linking sentences clauses together. Complete the following sentences by inserting the correct relative pronouns.

- (1) This is a standard clause in most sales contracts \_\_\_\_\_ deals with prices changes.
- (2) The clause, \_\_\_\_\_ deals with assignment, needs to be redrafted in the light of the new agreement reached between the parties.
- (3) This facility is for the use of clients \_\_\_\_\_ need to find legal information online.
- (4) What is \_\_\_\_\_ contract you are drafting now?
- (5) Was it Ms Jones \_\_\_\_\_ drafted the Smith Engineering contract?

### 3 Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives

Fill the numbered gaps in the table below with the correct forms of each word given.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
(1)	dispute	(2)
(3)	challenge	(4)
(5)	(6)	valid
Relief	(7)	(8)
agreement	(9)	(10)

(11)	(12)	legal
application	(13)	(14)
(15)	enforce	enforceable

#### 4 Verb Tenses

*Read through the passage below and insert the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.*

In 2007, Statchem \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to open') its first chemical plant in Thailand. Two years before this the company \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to begin') negotiations with Kemble Inc., but these eventually \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of phrasal verb 'to fall through'). At about the same time, during the mid to late eighties, Statchem \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of phrasal verb 'to be involved in') in the development of plastics technology and \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to spend') considerable sums of money on research and development. Statchem \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to hope') that this investment would result in an increased market share going into the new decade.

Unfortunately, this strategy failed \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of phrasal verb 'to pay off'). Due to the onset of a global recession, the market \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to shrink') and as a result all the money and effort that Statchem \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of phrasal verb 'to put in') the project \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to waste').

#### 5 Subjunctive and Conditional

*The subjunctive form is used in hypothetical situations (i.e. where something is imagined, wished or possible). It is frequently found in sentences containing the word 'if'. For example, 'I wouldn't do that if I **were** you'.*

*Insert the correct subjunctive and/or conditional form in the sentences below.*

- (1) If I \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest this course of action, it is unlikely that it \_\_\_\_\_ be accepted.
- (2) The report recommends that he \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to face') an enquiry.
- (3) We think it best that the machinery \_\_\_\_\_ (insert correct form of verb 'to be') tested by an expert.
- (4) The bottom line is that if we \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the price, we \_\_\_\_\_ expect you to accept a penalty for late payment.
- (5) If litigation \_\_\_\_\_ to be necessary in this type of case we \_\_\_\_\_ certainly instruct counsel.

## 6 Phrasal Verbs

Insert the correct phrasal verb in the correct form from the list below into the following sentences.

- (1) The trial attorney \_\_\_\_\_ the evidence carefully in the days before the trial commenced.
- (2) The documents were \_\_\_\_\_ his lawyers last week.
- (3) We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a deposit of £10,000 before purchasing the property.
- (4) The parties \_\_\_\_\_ an agreement for the provision of accountancy services.
- (5) The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ some of its debts as there was no prospect of securing payment.

***enter into, serve upon, put down, dispose of, sift through***

## Answer Key

### 1 Prepositions

- (1) Ten units must be delivered **to** the buyer **by/on** 30 November.
- (2) This agreement can be terminated **on/upon** giving not less than 14 days' notice **in** writing.
- (3) Rent will be paid **in** accordance **with** this agreement.
- (4) The merchandise must be delivered **within** 7 days.
- (5) Interest will be charged **on/upon** any amounts still unpaid **on** 3 November.

### 2 Relative Pronouns

- (1) This is a standard clause in most sales contracts **which** deals with prices changes.
- (2) The clause **which** deals with assignment needs to be redrafted in the light of the new agreement reached between the parties.
- (3) This facility is for the use of clients **who** need to find legal information online.
- (4) What is **that** contract you are drafting now?
- (5) Was it Ms Jones **who** drafted the Smith Engineering contract?

### 3 Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives

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(1) <b>dispute</b>	dispute	(2) <b>disputable/disputed</b>
(3) <b>challenge</b>	challenge	(4) <b>challenging/challengeable</b>
(5) <b>validity/validation</b>	(6) <b>validate</b>	valid
relief	(7) <b>relieve</b>	(8) <b>relieved/relievable</b>
agreement	(9) <b>agree</b>	(10) <b>agreeable</b>
(11) <b>legality</b>	(12) <b>legalise</b>	legal
application	(13) <b>apply</b>	(14) <b>applicable</b>
(15) <b>enforcement</b>	enforce	enforceable

### 4 Verb Tenses

In 2007, Statchem **opened** its first chemical plant in Thailand. Two years before this the company **had begun** negotiations with Kemble Inc., but these eventually **fell through**. At about the same time, during the mid to late eighties, Statchem **was involved in** the development of plastics technology and **spent** considerable sums of money on research and development. Statchem **hoped** that this investment would result in an increased market share going into the new decade.

Unfortunately, this strategy failed **to pay off**. Due to the onset of a global recession, the market **shrunk/shrank** and as a result all the money and effort that Statchem **had put into** the project **went to waste**.

## 5 Subjunctive and conditional

- (1) If I **were** I to suggest this course of action, it is unlikely that it **would** be accepted.
- (2) The report recommends that he **face** an enquiry.
- (3) We think it best that the machinery **be** tested by an expert.
- (4) We **should** be happier **were** you to agree to reduce the price by 20%.
- (5) The bottom line is that if we **were** to reduce the price, we **should** expect you to accept a penalty for late payment.

## 6 Phrasal Verbs

- (1) The trial attorney **sifted through** the evidence carefully in the days before the trial commenced.
- (2) The documents were **served upon** his lawyers last week.
- (3) We had to **put down** a deposit of £10,000 before purchasing the property.
- (4) The parties **entered into** an agreement for the provision of accountancy services.
- (5) The company had to **write off** some of its debts as there was no prospect of securing payment.