

## Chapter 9: Exercise

*The passage below is written in British English. Put it into American English.*

We signed the document on 19 October 2020 in my solicitor's city centre offices after a great deal of complex manoeuvring fuelled by the need to establish a manageable programme for the transport of maize by lorry. It was a grey, rainy autumn day which I remember well, because I arrived at the office rather late, after getting stuck in a traffic jam on the anti-clockwise section of ring road – on the flyover just past the Daventry crossroads in fact.

I parked the car in the car park next to the estate agent's office, placed my ticket on the windscreen, and threw my empty crisp bag into the rubbish bin. Then I climbed the stairs to Mr. Smith's first floor office. I recall that Smith was wearing a rather striking waistcoat, in a lurid purple colour, together with truly appalling tartan trousers and braces. His idea of humour, I thought.

'Have a biscuit', said Smith, as we started looking at the document. 'I dare say traffic on the motorway was bad this morning?' I made no comment, but began to look over the text whilst Smith skilfully explained the document to me: 'this paragraph obliges the other party to make payment in case of default, and this one provides for pre-emption...' I listened sceptically.

Smith then explained that the other side had authorised a company called Dartingley Hoardings to install aerials in city centre flats at weekends from 20 November 2020 to 19 November 2021. Payment for these services was to be made from a building society account. 'Is that clever?' I asked. Smith thought it would have no effect on company turnover.

### Suggested answer

We signed the ~~document~~ **documentation** on **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020** ~~19-October-2020~~ in my **attorney's** ~~solicitor's~~ **downtown** city-centre offices after a great deal of complex **maneuvering** ~~manoeuvring~~ fuelled by the need to establish a manageable **program** ~~programme~~ for the **transport** ~~transportation~~ of **maize corn** by **truck** ~~lorry~~. It was a **gray** ~~grey~~, rainy **fall** ~~autumn~~ day which I remember well, because I arrived at the office rather late, after getting stuck in a **traffic jam** ~~congestion~~ on the **counter-clockwise** ~~anti-clockwise~~ section of **beltway** ~~ring road~~ – on the **overpass** ~~flyover~~ just past the Daventry ~~crossroads~~ **intersection** in fact.

I parked the car in the ~~car park~~ **parking lot** next to the **realtor's** ~~estate agent's~~ office, placed my ticket on the **windshield** ~~windscreen~~, and threw my empty chip bag ~~crisp bag~~ into the **garbage can** ~~rubbish bin~~. Then I climbed the stairs to Mr. Smith's **second** ~~first~~ floor office. I recall that Smith was wearing a rather striking **vest** ~~waistcoat~~, in a lurid purple **color** ~~colour~~, together with truly appalling **plaid** ~~tartan~~ **pants** ~~trousers~~ and **suspenders** ~~braces~~. His idea of **humor** ~~humour~~, I thought.

'Have a **cookie** ~~biscuit~~', said Smith, as we started looking at the **documentation** ~~document~~. 'I dare say traffic on the **motorway** ~~freeway~~ was bad this morning?' I made no comment, but began to look over the text ~~whilst~~ **while** Smith ~~skilfully~~ **skillfully** explained the **documentation** ~~document~~ to me: 'this paragraph **obligates** ~~obliges~~ the other party to make payment in case of default, and this one provides for **preemption** ~~pre-emption~~...' I listened **skeptically** ~~sceptically~~.

Smith then explained that the other side had **authorized** ~~authorised~~ a company **corporation** called Dartingley Hoardings to install **antennae** ~~aerials~~ in **downtown** city-centre **apartments** ~~flats~~ on at weekends from **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020** ~~20-November-2020~~ to November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ~~19-November~~

2020. Payment for these services was to be made from a **savings and loan association** building society account. 'Is that **smart** clever?' I asked. Smith thought it would have no effect on **corporate revenues** company turnover.