

Practice

1 Match the noun phrases 1–8 with the verb phrases A–I.

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| 0 their departure | <u>C</u> | 3 his visit | | 6 his performance | |
| 1 the purchase | | 4 her decision | | 7 their breakup | |
| 2 their wedding | | 5 the argument | | 8 his regret | |
| A they got married | | D he sang and told jokes | | G somebody bought it | |
| B they broke up | | E she decided to do it | | H he wished he hadn't done it | |
| C they left | | F they argued about it | | I he went to see them | |

2 Rewrite these sentences, replacing the underlined verb phrase with a noun phrase. Make any other necessary changes.

- 0 The company was sold, which resulted in the loss of 200 jobs.
The sale of the company resulted in the loss of 200 jobs.
- 1 Everything changed after the war ended.

- 2 We arrived late, which meant that we missed the start of the show.

- 3 Silvia worked as my assistant before she was promoted.

- 4 Our company has been much more successful since it was taken over.

- 5 Taxes have been reduced, which has pleased people on low incomes.

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Improve this article by replacing the underlined words with noun phrases A–G below. **5.22** Listen and check.**Concert tragedy: December 3, 1979 – Cincinnati, Ohio**

It was the worst (0) bad thing that happened ... F at a music concert. Eleven fans were killed and many others injured shortly before a concert by British musicians The Who. At that time most concert tickets for large concerts didn't provide numbered seats. (1) Not having a numbered seat meant that people always rushed forward in an attempt to find an empty seat near the stage, and (2) the fact they rushed forward was a recipe for (3) something awful to happen The concert was due to start at 8 p.m. By three o'clock in the afternoon, there were already 8,000 people waiting outside the concert hall. By seven o'clock, the crowd had increased and people were getting very impatient. (4) The large number of impatient waiting people was becoming dangerous. Somebody smashed through one of the glass doors and there was a stampede, with everybody frantically trying to find the best seats. At the same time, the organisers opened one of the main doors and another crowd of several thousand fans surged past the barriers. (5) With so many more people rushing in, the police officers on duty were unable to do anything. Sadly, eleven fans in the crowd died of (6) not being able to breathe

- A this stampede B This additional wave of eager fans meant that
 C The situation D disaster E suffocation ~~F tragedy~~ G This uncertainty