

- 6 There has been an increased number of burglaries in the area in recent months. The increased number of burglaries has resulted in a greater police presence. ....
- 7 Everything pointed to a one-sided match. The press photographers certainly thought it would be a one-sided match, with thirty lenses behind the Lithuanian goal. ....
- 8 Though many historians agree about the origin of the letter, several prominent historians do not agree. ....
- 9 The manager appealed to me to help them. I helped them, and afterwards, he asked me to take over the manufacturing for them. ....
- 10 The new government promised to hold a referendum on currency reform. If they haven't held a referendum by midway through the term, they will lose the voters' confidence. ....

**3 GRAMMAR IN USE** Improve the text below by using substitution for the words in *italics*, as in the example. **4.35** Listen and check.

## It's no joke when you email

HAVE YOU EVER sent an email to a friend from work? Well, we all (0) *send them* sometimes, don't we? Or have you sent a joke to a colleague on the office computer? (1) *If you have*, you might like to think again. This is exactly what Rupert Beverly and David Pennington (2) *sent* and now they wish they hadn't. They were sacked from an engineering company in the north of England for (3) *sending a joke email*.

Hang on – you may think – this is one small company in the UK. However, (4) *sacking people for sending emails* happens not only in less-regulated small companies

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but in large multinational ones, too. Eight sales staff at Cable

and Wireless lost their jobs after sending a slightly risqué email. Someone made a complaint about the email and by (5) *making a complaint*, brought it to the attention of the management, who claimed that the email could be construed as offensive. The sacked workers didn't think

(6) *that it could be offensive* themselves and they insisted that it wasn't really provocative, as they knew it was a sackable offence to download material of that sort.

Regulations governing this area vary from country to country: at present the law in the USA allows companies to monitor staff emails and while that in the UK is currently not so strict, it looks as though it will follow the US model. In Germany, however, the law does not allow 'spying' on employees' personal email, but at least one multinational based there is (7) *spying on people's email* by sending all emails to the UK to be monitored.

Civil rights organisations are concerned that monitoring emails infringes personal liberty and that it also undermines trust in the working environment. They want management to (8) *monitor emails* only when necessary, and to be able to prove that it was indeed necessary to (9) *monitor the emails*.

And what of Rupert and David? Well, their claim for unfair dismissal was rejected: the tribunal found that the company was within its rights to sack employees for sending joke emails, and also, more worryingly, for the time wasted in (10) *sending joke emails*. Watch out, Big Brother really is watching you now!

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