**Exercises on Formal Style**

I **Replace the following phrasal verbs with a more formal single word.**

1 The locals could not put up with the visitors from the city. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 The decline was brought about by cheap imports. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 The university is thinking about installing CCTV. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 Sales are likely to drop off in the third quarter. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 He went on speaking for over an hour. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 The meeting was put off until December. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 The cinema was pulled down ten years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 People have cut down on their consumption of beef. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II Use a more formal word or phrase to replace those in bold.**

1 The reaction of the officials was **sort of** negative. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 The economic outlook is **nice**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 Car manufacturers are planning a **get together** to discuss their strategy. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 The resulting competition between countries is **good**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 The economy is affected by **things that happen** outside the country. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 She was **given the sack** because of her poor record. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 The examination results were **super**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III Suggest improvements to the following sentences to avoid use of “you” and “we”.**

1 You can apply the same theory of learning to small children.

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2 You can only do this after the initial preparation has been conducted.

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3 The figures are accurate to within 1%, but you should note that local variations may apply.

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**IV Rewrite the following in a more formal style.**

1. The positive feedback made up for the problems we came across during the trials.

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2. You can clearly see the differences between these two learning processes.  
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3. The subjects didn't have much difficulty with the task.

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4. We found example after example of autonomous systems in lots of countries.

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