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Unit 2

1. Use each of the words in the box to fill in the gaps in the excuses 1-5 below. In some of the sentences there is more than one option.

hence	thus	consequently	so	therefore
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1. My son was playing with water in the kitchen, _____ we will be a tad late.
2. I didn't get a lot of sleep last night, _____ my weak performance at today's exam.
3. Michael has recently been fired. _____, he is a bit depressed.
4. The company recently downsized, _____ we can't afford to take the risk to invest.
5. I dropped my cellphone and it broke, _____ I was unreachable for a good part of the week.

2. Rewrite the excuses from the previous exercise using the words given. Use no more than 8 words.

1. DUE

We will be a tad late _____ with water in the kitchen.

2. OWING

_____, I performed weakly at the exam.

3. ACCOUNT

Michael is a bit depressed _____.

4. VIEW

We can't afford to take the risk to invest_____.

5. BECAUSE

I wasn't reachable for a good part of the week_____.

3. Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

chicken out	get around	call off	miss out	duck out
walk away	give up	get out of	put off	

1. On my last date I had to_____through the bathroom window, because that girl was insane.
2. I didn't receive the appropriate support from upper management, thus I _____from my responsibilities as head of the HR department.
3. Upon being confronted with a spider to overcome my arachnophobia, I _____and left the room screaming bloody murder.
4. Jeremy_____on an opportunity to be the new director of studies because of his frequent periods of absence due to illness.
5. On account of the recent wave of crime we haven't_____to doing all the paperwork of the people we have arrested.
6. Jane assured her boss she would not_____until every puppy that escaped from the kennel was accounted for.
7. Vernon was supposed to have an important meeting with the representative of the Japanese company, but at the last moment the meeting was_____.

8. They _____ the meeting until next Monday.
9. If you _____ a routine, it can be hard to start again.

4. Choose the correct option to complete the following apologies:

1. Please me for interrupting you, I didn't realize you were talking on the phone.
- a. forget
 - b. forfeit
 - c. forbid
 - d. forgive
2. I'm very that I'm late but there is a train strike on at the moment.
- a. sore
 - b. sorry
 - c. sorrow
 - d. sorrowful
3. Please send my..... to the meeting as I shan't be able to attend.
- a. apologies
 - b. apologize
 - c. apologized
 - d. apologizing
4. There's really no..... for my behavior last night. I can only think that I'd had too much to drink.
- a. exception
 - b. escape
 - c. excuse
 - d. exclusion

5. I know I shouldn't have made those remarks about your work and I hope you now know how deeply I..... what I said.
- a. review
 - b. regret
 - c. respect
 - d. restore
6. I your pardon, I mistook you for somebody else.
- a. bid
 - b. bide
 - c. beggar
 - d. beg
7. If it helps to put things right, please let me take everything I said earlier.
- a. again
 - b. back
 - c. in
 - d. across
8. Please accept this small present as my way of making.....for all the trouble I've caused.
- a. attempts
 - b. attention
 - c. amends
 - d. arrears
9. All I can do now is simply beg your and hope that in time we can get back to where we used to be.
- a. interest
 - b. interpretation
 - c. inclination
 - d. indulgence



10. In their religion as long as they, they will be forgiven their sins.

- a. repent
- b. restore
- c. repeat
- d. request