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SOONER

Hannah went to the party even _____ at home.

- 3 We couldn't organise a proper party because we didn't have enough time.

THERE

Had _____ little more time, we could have organised a proper party.

- 4 It's a shame that nobody told me that the meeting had been called off.

ONLY

_____ informed about the cancellation of the meeting.

- 5 It was a mistake for you to leave your revision to the last minute.

SHOULD

_____ revising a lot earlier.

- 6 I wish I hadn't had to rush so much, but somehow I managed to finish on time.

LIKED

I met the deadline, although I _____ a bit more time on it.

- 2 Complete the conditionals with a suitable form of the verbs in brackets. More than one form may be correct. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 I'm sorry I sent you that fake news. If _____ (know) it wasn't real, I _____ (not/send) it.

- 2 In the days before the internet, if you _____ (need) to check some information, you _____ (have) to find a book in a library.

- 3 Thanks for your help last week. If you _____ (not explain) everything so carefully, I _____ (still/not/understand) now.

- 4 Unfortunately, you submitted your request after the deadline. _____ (you/submit) it earlier, you _____ (still/be) eligible for a rebate now.

- 5 I know not all of you were at last week's class. If you _____ (miss) that class, please come to the front to pick up your new textbooks.

- 6 We had to come home early when I sprained my wrist. _____ (it/not/be) for my accident, we _____ (stay) another week.

- 7 You're so disorganised! If you _____ (be) better at organising your time, you _____ (finish) that report ages ago.



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Confirmation bias

Confirmation bias is our inherent (0) *TENDENCY* to seek out and recall information that confirms our pre-existing opinions and beliefs. For example, when researchers are wading through mountains of data, we tend to focus on the data that is (1) of our hypothesis, while (2) any evidence that appears to contradict it. Similarly, when presented with ambiguous evidence, which is open to several possible (3), we tend to perceive the one that fits our biases as much more (4)

TEND

SUPPORT
LOOK

INTERPRET

PERSUADE

In order to counteract the harmful effects of confirmation bias, it is not enough simply to attempt to interpret data more (5), Instead, we must actively seek out evidence which (6) our prior beliefs.

OBJECT
PROOF

Of course, many of us find the idea of deliberately proving ourselves wrong deeply (7), but it is infinitely preferable to the alternative: confidently publishing research which is later ridiculed by other researchers for its numerous (8)

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