

KEY ANSWERS

Sequence III : The biggest bankruptcy in US financial history

- 1 - Reading comprehension
- 2 - Pronunciation
- 3 - Word building
- 4 - Grammar
- 5 - Writing



Reading comprehension

Activity 1:

Find in the text the sentence expressing the violation of business ethic

Enron's success was in reality based on nonexistent profits and fraud.

Activity 2:

Answer the following questions

1. It was based in Houston, Texas.
2. It sold electricity, plastics, internet connections and other products.
3. It took 15 years for the company to become a world energy giant.
4. The Enron executives managed to give the illusion that the company was a shining success by using nonexistent profits and fraud.
5. The company went bankrupt because it could not execute the payments.
6. Thousands of Enron employees lost their jobs and thousands of investors lost their life savings.

Pronunciation

The company went bankrupt when it was based on fraud.

Word Building

Activity 1:

Verb	Adjective	Noun
1. inflate	inflated	inflation
2. assume	assumed	assumption
3. invest	invested	investment/investor
4. announce	announced	announcement
5. exceed	excess	excess
6. speculate	speculative	speculator/speculation
7. corrupt	corrupt	Corruption

Activity 2:

1. falsifying 2. inflated 3. investment
4. assumed 5. announced 6. exceeded/for exceeding
7. excess 8. corruption

Activity 3:

1. inextricable 2. unbelievable
3. infallible 4. instability

Grammar

Activity 1:

1. If you stay in bed, **you will recover quickly**.
2. If we had been younger, **we would have gone** on a trip abroad.
3. If **you caught** a speed train, you would save a lot of time
4. You will have to take a taxi if **you want** to be at the office on time.
5. If **I knew** how difficult the job was, I wouldn't have taken it.
6. If the driver had slowed down, he could have avoided the accident .
7. What would you do if **you won** at the lottery?
8. If the office equipment were available, **we would be** able to expand the business.
9. If more money were spent on cancer research, a prevention **would be found**.

Activity 2:

1. **If I had** a screwdriver, **I would fix** your bicycle.
2. **If she had prepared** for the interview, she **would have got** the job.
3. **If I had had** enough/more apples, **I would have baked** a big/bigger pie.
4. **You will get** a penalty if **you exceed the speed limit while driving**.
5. **If you illustrated** your research work, Your presentation **would be clearer**.
6. **If you open** the cage, the canary **will fly**.
7. **If the truck driver had checked** his vehicle before setting off, he **wouldn't have had** problems on his way to San Francisco.

Activity 3:

1. a)- no b)- Yes
2. a)- Yes b)- No
3. a)- No b)- No
4. a)- Yes b)- Yes

Activity 4: Personal production

- Wish :

Activity 1:

1. I wish it **were not** cold today. If it **were not** so cold I **would feel** better.
2. I missed part of the lecture because I arrived late, and now my notes are incomplete. I wish I **had arrived on time**.
3. The noise from the TV in the next apartment is too loud. It is driving me crazy. I wish they **turned** it down.
4. We had a good time in London last year. I wish you **had come** with us. If you **had come** with us you **would have** a good time.
5. He lives far from the centre of town. He has to commute every day. He **wishes he did not live so far./ he lived near the centre of town**.

Activity 2:

1. I wish I **did not have** an urgent report to finish. I wish I **could go** to the concert tomorrow.
2. She wishes she were a pianist.
3. I wish **there were** peace in the world.
4. He wishes **he were/ became** a fireman later.

Activity 3:

If it were up to me, the bank executives **would be sentenced** to life prison. I wish I **did not invest** my savings at Enron. I wish **I bought** a house instead. I wish It **were** only a nightmare. I really wish someone *woke* me up and **told me** all this story **were not** true.

Activity 1:

Supply **such**, **such a/an**, or **so** in the following sentences:

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| 1. so | 2. so | 3. such an | 4. so |
| 5. so | 6. so | 7. such | 8. so |

Activity 2:

1. She speaks English **so well that** you would think it was her native language.
2. The music was **so** loud that you could hear it from miles away.
3. I've got **such** a lot of things to do **that** I don't know where to begin.
4. The weather was so cold **that** we couldn't stay outside.
5. I had **such** a big breakfast **that** I didn't eat anything else for the rest of the day.

Writing

a) - If I heard about an illegal activity in my company, I think I would first speak to the involved person and try to convince him/her to stop misbehaving. If he/she continues her activities, I would then bring the issue up to the manager.

b) - personal production