



**Task 8:**

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|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| postponed | cancelled | severely criticized | installed | reprimanded | confess |
| assaulted | exhausted |                     |           |             |         |

- a) Unfortunately, the meeting will have to be **postponed** until next week.
- b) Haven't you heard? The football match has been **cancelled** because of bad weather.
- c) She was really hurt and upset when the critics **severely criticized** her latest novel.
- d) We've had a second bathroom **installed** for our guests to use.
- e) In my school days, I was always being **reprimanded** by the teachers for being naughty.
- f) You should **confess** to having broken the window before someone else gets into trouble.
- g) He was badly **assaulted** by the gang of youths on his way home from work.
- h) Although I like going to the gym it leaves me feeling **exhausted**.

**Task 9:**

**Study the following paragraphs, one, identify examples of poor style and try to rewrite it in an academic style.**

These days a lot of kids are starting school early. Years ago, they began at 5, but now it's normal to start at 4 or younger. Why is this? One thing is that mums need to get back to work. Is it good for the kids? Jenkins has studied this and says that early schooling causes social problems like stealing, drug taking etc. I think he's right and we should pay mums to stay at home.

**Suggested change in the academic style:**

*Currently, significant numbers of children are starting school at the age of four or less, whereas 30 years ago five was the normal age. There appear to be various reasons for the change; mothers, for example, need to rejoin the labour force. There are mixed views about the effects of this change on the children concerned. Jenkins (1989) claims that early school attendance causes social problems such as theft and drug taking. There seems to be considerable evidence to support his views and there may be an argument in favour of a state subsidy for women to stay at home with their children.*