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| Worksheet 7: Rabbit Anecdote – Practice Activity |

1. You will hear the first part of this anecdote twice. Fill in the blanks with the words you hear. These are words from the grammar and vocabulary lessons done earlier in the scenario, so spelling and grammatical accuracy matter!

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| This is a story about animals and their relationship with technology.  Last year, my wife and I got a pet rabbit. She had had a rabbit when she was a kid, so she was so excited to have one again. (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she really missed having a pet.  We bought a large dog pen—which is like a cage without a top—that was about one metre (or three feet) high. We rarely ever locked him inside, but he liked to spend most of his time in the pen. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he considered it his territory.  He could go anywhere he wanted in the house, (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we had to (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “rabbit-proof” our whole place by making sure that there were no wires close to the ground. Rabbits love to chew through electrical cords.  Later that year, my wife’s parents invited us to go to their house in Port Moody for a Canada Day party. We planned to stay the night, so my wife convinced me to buy a “nanny cam”—which is (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a spy camera—so that we could watch the rabbit on our smart phones while we were away for the night.  We put food in a timer and locked him inside the pen with lots of water and hay. He jumped up and down in excitement at the sight of all the food. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happy! I set up the security camera on the floor and aimed it at the pen. It worked perfectly, and everyone at the party enjoyed looking at the adorable rabbit live on the security camera’s app.  That night, when we were going to bed, we checked the app, but the screen was black. The security camera was supposed to have night vision, so we wondered what went wrong.  I told my wife that I was sure I had set it up properly, but she was sceptical and said that I (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a mistake somehow.  I checked my phone for possible answers and saw there had been a power outage earlier in some parts of Vancouver. I told my wife that, and she said that seemed (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so we went to sleep. |

2. Predict

Make a prediction about what will happen next. Use **modals** in your answer and **give support** from your answer using details from the story. It doesn’t matter whether your prediction is right or wrong; the point is to show that you understand what happened so far in order to make a logical prediction and also to use modals correctly.

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3. Observe

Take notes on the ending of the anecdote.

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In your own words, write 2-3 sentences about what happened in the ending.









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4. Explain

Was your prediction correct? What was the moral of the story? Why do you think it happened that way? What did the speaker learn from the experience?



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