



Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

Which one is more formal or better suited to academic writing?

1. They didn't prosecute any of the protesters.
None...
2. I didn't hear the news until the next day.
It was not...
3. I felt that it had been a mistake to write the letter.
I regretted ever...
4. Although it rained torrentially, we all enjoyed the excursion.
Despite...
5. The Manager is not to be disturbed.
On no account...
6. If we don't hear from you within seven days, the order will be cancelled.
Unless...
7. If you didn't contribute generously, we couldn't continue our work.
But for...
8. There's a chance that my secretary took the order book away.
(may)
9. This dispute is likely to lead to a strike.
(result)



Check your answers

1. They didn't prosecute any of the protesters.
(more formal) None of the protestors were prosecuted.
2. I didn't hear the news until the next day.
(more formal) It was not until the next day that I heard the news.
3. I felt that it had been a mistake to write the letter.
(more formal) I regretted ever having written the letter.
4. Although it rained torrentially, we all enjoyed the excursion.
(more formal) Despite the torrential rain, the excursion was enjoyed by all.
5. The Manager is not to be disturbed.
(more formal) On no account is the manager to be disturbed,
6. If we don't hear from you within seven days, the order will be cancelled.
(less formal) Unless we hear from you within seven days, we will fulfil the order.
7. If you didn't contribute generously, we couldn't continue our work.
(more formal) But for your generous contribution, the work could not have been continued.
8. There's a chance that my secretary took the order book away.
(similar) My secretary may have taken the order book away.
9. This dispute is likely to lead to a strike.
(similar) This dispute may well result in a strike.