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Ch 8, page 156: Exercises 2; 3 (any 3 of a-e); 5 (any 3 of a-h)

2.Explain the ambiguity of the following sentence: His mother says he may go. - The unclearness of where the child (he) could go; overall it gives the reader an open mind to think “he may go” anywhere, where he wanted. There’s no textual information upon what the mother stated to the child.

3.Explain the semantic difference between the two sentence in each of the following pairs;

a.It must be nighttime. - It must have been nighttime. | “Be” is present and “have” is pasted nighttime.

b.Will you help me with this problem? - Would you help me with this problem? | Will- present tense and Would-past tense. Asking a question “will” is determining the answer rather than “would” giving the opportunity for the individual to think and answer back.

c.I was able to go to the library last night. - I could have gone to the library last night. | Clarify that (he/she) did go to the library and stating negatively that (he/she) could but didn’t go to the library last night.

d.The ground is wet. It may have rained last night. - The ground is wet. It must have rained last night. | Reflecting on the wet ground from last night and affirming that it must have rained last night.

e.You should do your homework. - You had better do your homework. | Passive voice and aggressive or harsh voice tone.

5.If your students produce the following, what would you tell them?

A. You will can go there. - You can go there.

B. May you cash this check, please? - Please, may you cash this check?

C. We should study a lot for that class last term. - Last term is coming and we should study a lot for that class.

D. They could be easily to reach the goal. - They could easily reach the goal.

E. I must to speak English. - I must speak English.

F. This action will good for workers. - This action will be good for workers.

G. ?Excuse me, Mr. Smith, you gotta give us our homework back. - Excuse me, Mr. Smith.
Are you going to give us our homework back?

H. A:Would you please close the window? - Please, would you close the window?

B: Of course, I would. - I would, of course.