

LINKING WORDS

Rewrite the sentences so that they have the same meaning

In spite of being the market leader the company went bankrupt.

Even though

Although they don't have a burglar alarm they've never been burgled

Despite

Despite the fact that I was late the boss wasn't angry.

Although

In spite of being the managing director he goes to work by bike.

Even though

Complete the sentences with *to, so as not to, for, so that, because, because of*

He never talks about his private life protect his family.

They had to make a lot of workers redundant the company could survive.

We always lock all the windows there have been burglaries near here.

When she asked me if I liked her dress, I told a white lie hurt her feelings.

We were very late for the concert the terrible traffic.

The family paid the kidnappers a lot of money their son would be released unharmed.

My brother's saving a new bike.

I'm going to work late on Friday night have to do any work at the weekend.

I'll send him an e-mail tell him when we're coming.

He's been very depressed recently his job.

Choose the right form

We enjoyed the meal *because of* / *although* / *so that* the wonderful cooking.

I'm going to have a dessert *although* / *so that* / *in spite of* being on a diet.

Keep an eye on the sauce *because of* / *though* / *so that* it doesn't burn.

I'm really hungry *because* / *though* / *so that* I had a big breakfast.

I never eat vegetables *because of* / *even though* / *for* I know they're healthy.

It was an excellent meal *despite* / *even though* / *so that* the unfriendly waiters.

Complete with *if, unless, until* or *as soon as*.

We'll take a taxi it rains. I don't want to get wet.

My mother will have to go on working she's 65. Then she'll retire.

..... you find my pen, could you bring it to class tomorrow?

I can't go to the concert you pay for the tickets. I haven't got any money at the moment.

The film will start the advertisements finish.

Circle the correct word.

We were put in a room overlooking the main road, *so / although / yet* we had asked for a room at the back of the hotel.

There was a long queue for taxis. *Because / However / Also*, we didn't have to wait very long to get one.

We were disappointed because the art gallery was closed and the museum *as well / also / although*.

Apart from the cathedral, I could *also / as well / too* see the river from my hotel room.

The town is perfect if you're looking for a relaxing, peaceful holiday. *On the other hand / Also / Moreover*, if you want night life, this isn't the place for you.

There are very few hotels. *However / Though / Besides*, we were lucky and we found a room.

Fill in the gaps

A: Are you going to apply for a new job?

B: I will the pay is better.

A: Do you always have breakfast?

B: No, but as as I get to the office I make a cup of coffee.

A: Will you leave work your baby is born?

B: Yes, at least for a few months.

A: What will you do you don't get the job?

B: I'll keep trying.

Choose the right alternative

- 1) He got the job *so / despite / however / because / but* not having much experience.
- 2) I hired him *so / despite / however / because / but* he had so much experience.
- 3) She was quite nervous, *so / despite / however / but* she didn't do very well.
- 4) He seems well educated; *so / despite / however / because* he is not very bright.
- 5) She is not only beautiful and intelligent *so / despite / however / because / but* kind and thoughtful.

Complete the sentences with *unless, until, although, despite, or as soon as*

I'll go on working I finish this exercise. Then I'll have a break.

A: When are we going to have dinner? I'm starving.

B: your father gets home from work.

You're not going out tonight you tidy your room immediately!

..... having a perfect alibi, he was arrested.

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the word(s) given

a) He has never worked for a newspaper, but he's been hired all the same.

Though

b) She was very tired, but she finished the job

In spite of

c) They went to his office. They didn't want to be heard.

They went to his office *so that*

Fill in the blanks choosing from the following linking words: *despite; therefore; however; although; actually; while; also; besides*

a) You mustn't forget to include the postcode., make sure you provide a return address.

b) I've known Henry for years., we went to the same school.

c) She had hoped Daniel would stay all weekend., he had to leave on Saturday.

d) having studied a lot, he failed the test.

e) The woman killed her husband and she intended to do it. she is guilty of murder.

Rewrite the sentences, using the words given, so that they have the same meaning

a) Joseph never helped with the housework. Pat did. (whereas)

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b) We sometimes stayed out late. We always got home before twelve. (though)

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c) He didn't like sport: he didn't mind watching football. (however)

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Write new sentences as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence using the words given

- a) Very little of the remaining stock sold, despite the low prices. (even though)
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- b) The ailing magazine tried introducing several new features. Nevertheless, circulation continued to drop. (although)
- c) Despite the fact that the critics hated it, Archer's latest book was well received by the public. (being).
- d) In spite of her insistence that all was well, I knew that something was wrong. (fact)
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- e) He's intelligent but he does not study much. (however)