

Linking Words

Connectors: contrast, cause, addition, result

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KEY RULE:

Match the linker to its grammatical category: +clause, +noun, or sentence connector.

1 Choose the correct linking word

EASY

Pick the best linking word/phrase.

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| 1. The project was delayed. ____, we met deadline. | 2. ____ the heavy rain, the match continued. |
| 3. ____ she was exhausted, she kept working. | 4. She studied hard. ____, she failed. |
| 5. ____ its cost, the phone sold well. | 6. He was late. ____, he missed the start. |
| 7. ____ working hard, he earned little. | 8. It was cold. ____, we went for a walk. |
| 9. ____ she was ill, she came to work. | 10. Traffic was bad. ____, I was on time. |

2 Contrast or cause/result?

MEDIUM

Choose linker matching the relationship.

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| 1. He failed the exam ____ studying all night. | 2. She got the job ____ her lack of experience. |
| 3. The plan failed. ____, we had to start again. | 4. ____ it was expensive, they bought it anyway. |
| 5. He arrived late ____ the traffic jam. | 6. Sales fell. ____, staff were made redundant. |
| 7. ____ her nerves, she gave a great speech. | 8. He's very intelligent. ____, he's lazy. |
| 9. She applied ____ knowing she'd be rejected. | 10. ____ the delay, we reached our destination. |

3 Formal linking words

HARD

Choose the most natural formal connector.

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| 1. He was well-qualified. ____, he was rejected. | 2. She improved her skills. ____ she got promoted. |
| 3. ____ its size, the city has few museums. | 4. Costs rose. ____, profits fell sharply. |
| 5. ____ the findings were alarming, no action taken. | 6. He apologised. ____, she didn't forgive him. |
| 7. ____ long hours, she completed the project. | 8. Sales dropped. ____, we reviewed our strategy. |
| 9. ____ the report, we changed the approach. | 10. ____ the storm, the event was cancelled. |

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Rewrite using linking words

HARD

Rewrite with the linker in brackets.

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| 1. Despite the cost, it was worth it. (In spite of) | 2. She worked hard but she didn't succeed. (Although) |
| 3. Because of traffic I was late. (Due to) | 4. He's smart. Also, he's hard-working. (Furthermore) |
| 5. She failed but tried again. (Nevertheless) | 6. The film was long. Still, I enjoyed it. (However) |
| 7. Traffic was bad. So I was late. (As a result) | 8. He works hard. But earns little. (Despite) |
| 9. She's talented. Also creative. (What is more) | 10. You can go if you finish your work. (As long as) |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Linker choice

1 However

2 Despite

3 Although

4 Nevertheless

5 Despite

6 As a result

7 Despite/In spite of

8 Nevertheless

9 Even though

10 Nevertheless

2 Exercise 2 Contrast vs cause/result

1 despite

2 despite/in spite of

3 As a result/Consequently

4 Although/Even though

5 due to/because of

6 Consequently/Therefore

7 Despite/In spite of

8 However

9 despite/even though

10 Despite/In spite of

3 Exercise 3 Formal connectors

1 Nevertheless/However

2 Consequently/As a result

3 Despite/In spite of

4 Consequently/As a result

5 Although/Even though

6 Nevertheless/However

7 Despite/In spite of

8 Consequently/As a result

9 As a result of/Due to

10 Due to/Owing to

4 Exercise 4 Rewritten sentences

1 In spite of the cost, it was worth it

2 Although she worked hard, she didn't succeed

3 Due to traffic, I was late

4 Furthermore, he is hard-working

5 Nevertheless, she tried again

6 However, I enjoyed it

7 As a result, I was late

8 Despite working hard, he earns little

9 What is more, she is creative

10 As long finish your work, you can go