

LINKING WORDS AND CONCESSIVE CLAUSES

1 Match the beginnings and endings of these sentences.

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| 1 I know Shanghai quite well, | A you should read it carefully. |
| 2 In spite of injuring his foot, | B he retired to an island in the Mediterranean. |
| 3 He doesn't earn very much, | C he scored three goals. |
| 4 Although he always takes his laptop, | D in spite of being so talented. |
| 5 Smiling broadly, | E this book is still very useful. |
| 6 When changing the torch battery, | F our uncle welcomed us into his house. |
| 7 Before signing that document, | G but I've never been to Beijing. |
| 8 After selling his business, | H Dad rarely emails us when he's away. |
| 9 Despite the fact that it is very old, | I be careful not to damage the bulb. |

2 Do these pairs of sentences have exactly the same meaning? Write S (same) or D (different).

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| 1 a Although Sharon quite enjoys musicals, she really prefers more serious drama. | |
| b Sharon quite enjoys musicals, but she really prefers more serious drama. | <u>S</u> |
| 2 a Asking for directions, Sam showed the farmer the map he'd been given. | |
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| 3 a Brian continued to work long hours, in spite of being ill. | |
| b Even though he was ill, Brian continued to work long hours. | <u> </u> |
| 4 a Chloe's father promised her a car, even though she didn't pass her final exam. | |
| b Chloe's father promised her a car, even if she didn't pass her final exam. | <u> </u> |
| 5 a Despite searching everywhere, I didn't find the money. | |
| b I searched everywhere, but I didn't find the money. | <u> </u> |
| 6 a Warning of storms ahead, the mountain guide led us back to the hostel. | |
| b Warned of storms ahead, the mountain guide led us back to the hostel. | <u> </u> |

4 Choose the correct words in these sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- The city's quite interesting but it isn't *enough big* / *big enough* to get lost in.
- It would be lovely if you came here *therefore* / *since* we could do millions of interesting things.
- The concert was *such* / *so* exciting that the time went by very quickly.
- We should apply to work there *so* / *as* it would be a good way for us to practise English.
- They think the project is a waste of time. *Therefore* / *Because* it will be cancelled.
- It has been *so* / *such* a long time since I last wrote to you.
- Why is shopping so popular? *Because* / *As* it can help us to relax.

3 Combine each pair of sentences, using the *-ing* form or the past participle.

- 1 Arnold was faced with a difficult decision. Arnold decided to consult his boss.
Faced with a difficult decision, Arnold decided to consult his boss.
- 2 The singer waved to her fans. The singer got into her car.

- 3 Simon grumbled about the amount of homework he had. Simon took out his grammar book.

- 4 The school buildings were designed by a famous architect. The school buildings won several prizes.

- 5 Wendy was a sensible girl. Wendy didn't panic when she cut her hand.

- 6 Paul heard cries for help. Paul dived into the water.

- 7 This song was recorded only last week. This song has already been downloaded a million times.

4 Complete the sentences with these words and phrases.

before even if even though in spite of since though while

- 1 I quite enjoy playing tennis, in spite of the fact that I usually lose.
- 2 _____ painting my room, I made quite a mess of the carpet.
- 3 It's essential to train regularly _____ attempting to run a marathon.
- 4 I hardly ever receive any emails _____ I write lots.
- 5 They insist they'll have a barbecue _____ it rains.
- 6 Jane enjoys cooking. She's not much good at making cakes, _____.
- 7 _____ arriving in this country, I've made lots of new friends.

5  Choose the correct version of these sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- 1 a I thought the restaurant was expensive in spite the fact that the manager had told me it was cheap.
b I thought the restaurant was expensive in spite of the fact that the manager had told me it was cheap.
- 2 a Although I enjoyed the book, but I found the ending very disappointing.
b Although I enjoyed the book, I found the ending very disappointing.
- 3 a You can think before to choose which one you will buy.
b You can think before choosing which one you will buy.
- 4 a He allowed me to go into the concert despite the fact that I was an hour late.
b He allowed me to go into the concert despite of the fact that I was an hour late.
- 5 a After receiving the visa, I will come and visit you in Canada.
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