

FULL BLAST!

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Time out

► Clauses of Concession

We use **Clauses of Concession** to express **contrast** or **opposition** to the main clause.

- **although / even though + subject + verb**

Although / Even though he was starving, he didn't take any of the food they offered him.

- **in spite of / despite + noun / -ing form**

*Despite the heavy rain, it was very hot.
In spite of feeling afraid, Jim went on the roller coaster.*

- **in spite of / despite + the fact + that-clause**

He went dancing in spite of / despite the fact that he had a terrible headache.

► Clauses of Purpose

We use **Clauses of Purpose** to show the purpose of an action.

- **so as (not) to / in order (not) to**

She spoke quietly in order not to / so as not to wake up the baby.

- **so that + can / may / will** (present / future time reference)

You should work hard now so that you can take some time off in the summer.

- **so that + could / might / would** (past time reference)

Henry took his car to the garage so that the mechanic could take a look at it.

► Clauses of Result

We use **Clauses of Result** to express the result of an action or a conclusion.

- **so + adjective/adverb + (that)**

He was so bored (that) he left before the end of the film.

- **such + (a/an) + (adjective) + noun + (that)**

It was such a hot day that we all went swimming.

NOTE: • We say **so + much/many**, but **such a lot of**.

• *That* can be omitted, especially in spoken English.

Grammar

Clauses of result

- The bus was **so** crowded (**that**) we couldn't get on.
- It was **such a** crowded bus (**that**) we couldn't get on.
- There were **so many / such a lot of** people on the bus (**that**) we couldn't get on.

Clauses of concession

- **Although / Even though** my dad was angry, he didn't say a word.
- **In spite of / Despite** being angry, my dad didn't say a word.
- **In spite of / Despite** his anger, my dad didn't say a word.

Clauses of purpose

- The farmer walked around the field **so as not to / in order not to** destroy the crops.
- The farmer walked around the field **so that** he wouldn't destroy the crops.

Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1. There is such a lot of violence in this video game that you shouldn't buy it. (**so**)

2. The children continued swimming although it was raining. (**despite**)

3. In spite of its difficulty, we managed to solve the puzzle. (**although**)

4. Kelly bought a new dance DVD so that she could work out at home. (**so as to**)

5. Despite his illness, Billy went to school. (**even though**)

6. You should take up a new hobby in order not to be bored all the time. (**so that**)
