

Linking words

Some questions test your knowledge of linking words and phrases.

- 9 Look at the bold linking words in the sentences (1-6). Match them to the synonyms (a-f).
- We had the party at home **rather than** hiring a hall.
  - We'll go ahead, **as long as** you're happy with that.
  - The plane was late **owing to** the bad weather.
  - Everyone was early, **apart from** Leon.
  - He is still a formidable opponent, **despite** his age.
  - I turned the music down **so as to** hear him better.
- a because of, due to, thanks to  
 b in spite of  
 c instead of  
 d in order to  
 e except  
 f if, provided that

- 10 Choose the correct linking words (A-D) to complete the sentences.

**TIP:** Make sure the word you choose fits with the words that come after the gap as well as those that come before.

- We decided to take our own picnic, \_\_\_\_\_ than eating out.  
 A instead                      B whereas  
 C rather                        D by contrast
- We needed to hurry up, \_\_\_\_\_ we would be late.  
 A otherwise                    B however  
 C although                      D except
- The product was a success \_\_\_\_\_ its problems.  
 A except                        B in spite of  
 C however                      D although
- I won't call you \_\_\_\_\_ there's a problem.  
 A unless                        B provided that  
 C except                        D owing to
- The shop sold cards and magazines \_\_\_\_\_ books.  
 A in addition                  B in particular  
 C as well as                    D what's more
- \_\_\_\_\_ the first experiments failed, she never thought about giving up.  
 A However                      B Nevertheless  
 C In spite of                    D Although

EXAM TASK

Read the text about preparing for a possible emergency and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Preparing for the worst

We all depend on supermarkets for food and we (0)   D   if granted that the shelves will always be full. But some people believe it's best to be prepared (1) \_\_\_\_\_ there's an emergency and normal life is disrupted for a while. They say there is a risk from extreme weather or an outbreak of flu, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ more serious natural disasters. People who prepare in this way are informally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as 'preppers', and more and more people are now listening to their (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Alison Jones from Cambridge, UK, is a typical example. She keeps a month's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of food in a cupboard, along with bottled water and medicines that her family needs. She is aware that some people would (6) \_\_\_\_\_ her to be slightly odd, but says that, for her, it makes perfect (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to be prepared. 'We keep just enough to see us through a few weeks, so we can then (8) \_\_\_\_\_ our normal lives. Why would anyone not do that?'



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|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0 | A get             | B have        | C make          | D take          |
| 1 | A even if         | B in case     | C provided that | D whereas       |
| 2 | A although        | B as well as  | C in spite of   | D in contrast   |
| 3 | A known           | B called      | C named         | D entitled      |
| 4 | A views           | B wishes      | C requests      | D decisions     |
| 5 | A donation        | B number      | C supply        | D delivery      |
| 6 | A decide          | B accept      | C realise       | D consider      |
| 7 | A sense           | B reason      | C idea          | D judgement     |
| 8 | A go through with | B put up with | C get on with   | D get away with |