

Grammar – 9: Linkers of contrast:

**However / Although / Despite /
Even though / In spite of**

A. Choose the correct answers.

1. *Although / In spite of* I've never seen one, I'm sure UFOs exist.
2. I think his theories are interesting. I don't believe them, *even though / however*.
3. *In spite of / Although* living in the 21st century, a few people still believe that the world is flat.
4. I don't believe in horoscopes. *Even though / However*, I often read mine just for fun.
5. *Although / Despite* I wasn't feeling well, I went to Joe's birthday party.
6. *Despite / Even though* being really tired, I didn't sleep very well.
7. *Even though / However* I studied French at school, I can't speak it.
8. *Despite / Although* the danger, Mark wants to be a war reporter.

B. Match the sentences.

1. He's really good at English.	A. We finished the game.
2. I didn't think the film was very good.	B. He's a brilliant drummer.
3. My friend Francesco's deaf.	C. He didn't pass the exam.
4. Louis father's a millionaire.	D. He never buys him anything.
5. There's no specific proof.	E. Some people believe in ghosts.
6. There was heavy rain.	F. It won an Oscar.

C. Join the pairs of sentences in Exercise B using the words in brackets.

1. (Although).....
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2. (However).....
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3. (Even though).....
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4. (Despite).....
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5. (Although).....
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6. (In spite of).....
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D. Complete the sentences with however, although, despite, even though or in spite of.

1. Andrew was warned of the risks, he decided to travel alone to South America.
2. Marida did not get a promotion her qualifications.
3. The city has a 50 kph limit., people are often caught speeding.
4. You won't be forgiven your apology.
5. We couldn't find a house to buy we looked at quite a few.
6. He always looks so lonely and sad his popularity.

