

Essential Connectors & Linkers for Intermediate English Learners



Task 1 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 the heavy snow, we managed to get home.
A In spite of B However C While
- 2 needing a rest, the team continued to work.
A In spite B Despite C Although
- 3 I like peaches. I don't like bananas,.....
A whereas B on the other hand C though
- 4 The film was good it was also very frightening.
A despite B but C in spite
- 5 Paul drives a car Charles rides a motorbike.
A whereas B even though C despite
- 6 she isn't fond of classical music, she went to the concert.
A However B Even though C While
- 7being hungry, Sally didn't eat anything.
A However B Yet C In spite of
- 8 The alarm went off,he didn't wake up.
A whereas B yet C while
- 9we left the house early, we still missed the bus.
A Although B Despite C In spite of
- 10 He wasn't wearing a coatit was very cold.
A whereas B even though C despite

Task 2 Complete the sentences.

- 1 In spite of the rain, the football match took place.
Although _____, the football match took place.
- 2 Even though we were late, we stopped to have something to eat.
Despite _____ we stopped to have something to eat.
- 3 Even though they are good friends, they argue a lot.
In spite _____ good friends, they argue a lot.
- 4 In spite of having a lot of money, they are very mean.
Although _____ a lot of money, they are very mean.
- 5 In spite of winning the competition, he wasn't satisfied.
Even though _____ the competition, he wasn't satisfied.
- 6 Even though he woke up early, he was late for his appointment.
Despite _____ up early, he was late for his appointment.

When & How

Whereas / While

- Introduce a contrast between two ideas.
- The original movie was quite interesting, *whereas* the remake was really boring.
- *Whereas* you have lots of time to do your homework, I have very little time indeed.

