

CONTRAST, PURPOSE & REASON

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CLAUSES OF CONTRAST

ALTHOUGH/EVEN THOUGH

+ SUBJECT + VERB **Although/Even though** we played well, we lost.
NO COMMA AFTER IT We played well, **although/even though** we lost.

HOWEVER

(;)/(.) + **HOWEVER** We played well. **However**, we lost.
+ COMMA (.) I eat better. **However**, I keep gaining weight.

IN SPITE OF/DESPITE

+ NOUN / -ING We went out **in spite of/despite** the rain.
+ THE FACT THAT
+ SUBJECT + VERB We went out **in spite of/despite** the fact that it was raining.

CLAUSES OF PURPOSE

TO

+ INFINITIVE The new student worked hard **to** pass the test.

IN ORDER TO/IN ORDER NOT TO

+ INFINITIVE I wanted to stay **in order to** finish the report.

SO AS TO/SO AS NOT TO

+ INFINITIVE We were quiet **so as not to** wake up the baby.

SO THAT

+ SUBJECT + VERB We left early **so that** we could park the car.

FOR

+ NOUN They went to the pub **for** a drink.

CLAUSES OF REASON

AS/SINCE

+ SUBJECT + VERB **As/Since** it was raining so heavily, we stayed.

BECAUSE

+ SUBJECT + VERB We didn't go **because** it was raining heavily.

BECAUSE OF

+ NOUN We didn't go **because of** the heavy rain.

DUUE TO

+ NOUN We didn't go **due to** the heavy rain. (=more formal)

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Choose the right connector:

- **Although / Because** the surgery was risky, the patient decided to proceed with it.
- **Since / Even though** the recovery period was long, the surgeon assured the patient of a successful outcome.
- **Despite / Because of** the high cost, the patient opted for the most advanced surgical procedure.
- **Although / In spite of** the potential complications, the surgery went ahead as planned.
- The surgeon performed a thorough examination **identifying / to identify** the exact issue before the surgery.
- **Although / In order to** minimize the risk of infection, the medical team

followed strict sterilization protocols.

- The patient followed a strict diet **because / so as to** improve his chances of a quick recovery post-surgery.
- The surgeon explained the procedure in detail **since / so that** the patient could understand the potential risks and benefits.
- **Because of / Because** the patient's severe pain, the surgery was scheduled as soon as possible.
- **Due to / in order to** the surgeon's expertise, the operation was completed successfully without any complications.
- **So as to / As** the patient had a history of heart issues, the surgical team took extra precautions.
- **Since / Although** the patient had been experiencing chronic pain, the decision to undergo surgery was inevitable.