

CONNECTORS OF CONTRAST

1. Match the sentence halves.

1. Although he fell once or twice before reaching the finishing line,	a. though I'd had a good night's sleep.
2. We really enjoyed our holidays	b. although it's not particularly challenging.
3. I felt really tired the next morning	c. despite the awful weather.
4. The race was still a huge success in spite of	d. he still completed the race.
5. The job's well paid	e. nothing has really changed.
6. Despite all the talk of reform and modernisation,	f. the fact that more than half of the runners didn't actually complete it.

2. Choose the correct connector to complete the news reports.

Surprise victory for England

Fans were celebrating last night after England beat Italy 4-0 DESPITE / ALTHOUGH missing some of their key players.

Family caught in summer storm

A family of five were rescued by coastguards yesterday off the coast of Pembroke. The Davis family had insisted on taking their boat out, IN SPITE OF / THOUGH they had been given repeated warnings about the possibility of a summer storm.

Fear of corruption at election

ALTHOUGH / DESPITE the fact that the election was legally conducted, some opposing politicians doubt that the results are true.

Covid vaccination

The Government has confirmed that people can catch Covid IN SPITE OF / DESPITE OF having been vaccinated. THOUGH / HOWEVER, the symptoms are believed to be less severe.

Mountain marathon goes ahead DESPITE / ALTHOUGH / BUT the weather is the worst in ten years.

IN SPITE OF / THOUGH / BUT bad weather, the annual mountain marathon went ahead as planned. And HOWEVER / DESPITE / THOUGH more than half of the runners failed to complete the course due to the wet conditions, there were many athletes who managed to cross the finishing line. ALTHOUGH / HOWEVER / IN SPITE OF, the winner Matthew Goldy didn't succeed in setting a new record.