

CONNECTORS OF CONTRAST

1. Match the sentence halves.

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| 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.