

Linking words

1 Choose the linker that is not correct.

- 1 I'm not very good at sport - **although / nevertheless, / on the one hand**, I do play the occasional game of tennis.
- 2 I belong to a gym. **However, / In addition, / Although** I hardly ever go!
- 3 Running is a convenient and cheap form of exercise. **What's more, / Moreover, / On the other hand**, it's something you can do wherever you are.
- 4 You may be very slim - **nevertheless, / however, / consequently**, you still need to do exercise.
- 5 Vegetarian food is better for you than meat, **because / but / although** it can be a bit boring sometimes.

2 Complete the sentences with suitable linkers of addition or contrast.

- 1 _____ he's 85 years old, my grandfather is still very healthy. _____, he still does sports!
- 2 A little chocolate every day is good for you. Too much chocolate, _____, is unhealthy.
- 3 It has been proven that coffee isn't bad for you. _____, you should try and limit the amount of coffee you drink every day.
- 4 These are the pros and cons of making sport compulsory at school. _____, it forces everyone to take part in healthy exercise. _____, it can put some people off doing sport for life!

3 Correct the mistakes in the linkers in the sentences. Tick all the possible answers.

- 1 I love cycling. It's environmentally friendly, on the other hand, it's good for you!
therefore in addition what's more
- 2 It's good to drink lots of water, moreover, you shouldn't drink too much, too quickly.
however although nevertheless
- 3 I love going horse-riding, in addition, it's a very expensive sport.
nevertheless whereas despite
- 4 I know you aren't hungry first thing in the morning, what is more you should always eat breakfast.
but however nevertheless
- 5 I've got mixed feelings about running marathons. On the one hand, it's a good challenge, but nevertheless it can be quite dangerous if you haven't done enough training.
although in addition on the other hand

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I think junk food advertisements on TV should be banned **because / because of** the danger to children who watch them.
- 2 I suggest we take an early train, **so that / in order not to** be late.
- 3 Many of the clothes are made by people who are paid very little. **So that / Consequently**, the clothes are very cheap.
- 4 I don't like it, **although / therefore**, I'm not going to buy it.
- 5 I couldn't come to your party **as / despite** I was away on holiday.
- 6 I stood for an hour in the queue **to / so that** get tickets.
- 7 **In order to / So to** be able to deal with your query as quickly as possible, please tell us what you are calling about.