6 Time out

Clauses of Concession

We use **Clauses of Concession** to express **contrast** or **opposition** to the main clause.

- **although / even though + subject + verb**
  Although / Even though he was starving, he didn't take any of the food they offered him.
- **in spite of / despite + noun / -ing form**
  Despite the heavy rain, it was very hot.
  In spite of feeling afraid, Jim went on the roller coaster.
- **in spite of / despite + the fact + that-clause**
  He went dancing in spite of / despite the fact that he had a terrible headache.

Clauses of Purpose

We use **Clauses of Purpose** to show the purpose of an action.

- **so as (not) to / in order (not) to**
  She spoke quietly in order not to / so as not to wake up the baby.
- **so that + can / may / will** (present / future time reference)
  You should work hard now so that you can take some time off in the summer.
- **so that + could / might / would** (past time reference)
  Henry took his car to the garage so that the mechanic could take a look at it.

Clauses of Result

We use **Clauses of Result** to express the result of an action or a conclusion.

- **so + adjective/adverb + (that)**
  He was so bored (that) he left before the end of the film.
- **such + (a/an) + (adjective) + noun + (that)**
  It was such a hot day that we all went swimming.

NOTE:
- We say **so + much/many**, but **such a lot of**.
- *That* can be omitted, especially in spoken English.

Grammar

Clauses of result
- *The bus was **so** crowded **(that)** we couldn't get on.*
- *It was **such a** crowded bus **(that)** we couldn't get on.*
- *There were **so many / such a lot of** people on the bus **(that)** we couldn't get on.*

Clauses of concession
- ***Although / Even though** my dad was angry, he didn't say a word.*
- ***In spite of / Despite** being angry, my dad didn't say a word.*
- ***In spite of / Despite** his anger, my dad didn't say a word.*

Clauses of purpose
- *The farmer walked around the field **so as not to / in order not to** destroy the crops.*
- *The farmer walked around the field **so that** he wouldn't destroy the crops.*

Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1. There is such a lot of violence in this video game that you shouldn't buy it. **(so)**

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2. The children continued swimming although it was raining. **(despite)**

   _____

3. In spite of its difficulty, we managed to solve the puzzle. **(although)**

   _____

4. Kelly bought a new dance DVD so that she could work out at home. **(so as to)**

   _____

5. Despite his illness, Billy went to school. **(even though)**

   _____

6. You should take up a new hobby in order not to be bored all the time. **(so that)**

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