

Exercise 1: Choose the best answer to complete these sentences.

1. _____ he likes chocolate, he tries not to eat it.
A. As B. Though C. Since D. Despite
2. He is a very intelligent boy, _____ he is very lazy
A. but B. and C. or D. so
3. _____ I moved house, I haven't had much contact with those friends
A. though B. since C. because of D. so that
4. Last night we came to the show late _____ the traffic was terrible.
A. although B. despite C. and D. because
5. Lan couldn't pass the exam _____ she was too lazy.
A. because B. because of C. although D. in spite of
6. _____ his broken leg, he didn't come to class yesterday.
A. because B. because of C. despite D. so
7. _____ there is a lot of noise in the city, I prefer living there.
A. despite B. in spite of C. because of D. though
8. _____ the weather, we went sailing.
A. despite B. in spite of C. although D. A and B
9. _____ Hudson led early, he lost the race.
A. though B. although C. even though D. all are correct
10. In spite of not speaking French, Mike decided to settle in Paris.
A. Even though Mike didn't speak French, but he decided to settle in Paris.
B. Mike decided to settle in Paris despite he didn't speak French.
C. Mike decided to settle in Paris though the fact that not speaking French.
D. Although Mike didn't speak French; he decided to settle in Paris.
11. Mr Ba was late for the meeting though he took a taxi.
A. Even though taking a taxi, Mr Ba was late for the meeting.
B. In spite of taking a taxi, but Mr Ba was late for the meeting.
C. Mr Ba was late for the meeting despite the fact he took a taxi.
D. Mr Ba was late for the meeting although having taken a taxi.
12. We came to the meeting on time though the traffic was heavy.

- A. Despite the traffic was heavy; we came to the meeting on time.
- B. In spite of the heavy traffic, we came to the meeting on time.
- C. Even though the heavy traffic, we came to the meeting on time.
- D. Although the traffic was heavy, but we came to the meeting on time.

13. Although he took a taxi, Bill still arrived late for the concert.

- A. Bill arrived late for the concert whether he took a taxi or not.
- B. Bill arrived late for the concert because of the taxi.
- C. In spite of taking a taxi, Bill arrived late for the concert.
- D. Bill took a taxi to the concert, but he couldn't catch it.

14. Although she is rich, she can't afford to buy the car.

- A. She doesn't have enough money to buy the car she likes.
- B. Rich as she is, she can't afford to buy the car.
- C. The car is too expensive for her to buy.
- D. She wants to buy the car but it costs a lot.

15. Although Sue felt tired, she stayed up late talking to Jill.

- A. Despite feeling tired, Sue stayed up late talking to Jill.
- B. In spite feeling tired, Sue stayed up late talking to Jill.
- C. Sue wouldn't feel tired despite staying up late talking to Jill.
- D. Sue stayed up late talking to Jill. As a result, she was tired.

Exercise 2. Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words in parentheses

1. She has plenty of money, but she is very mean. (**although**)

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2. They have a car, but they rarely use it. (**though**)

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3. He was innocent, but he was sent to prison. (**although**)

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4. He has a number of relatives living nearby, but he never visits them (**even though**)

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5. She never takes any kind of exercise, but she is quite fit and healthy. (**even though**)

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Exercise 3. Rewrite the sentences.

1. Although he has a very important job, he isn't particularly well-paid.

=> In spite of

2. Although I had never seen her before, I recognized her from a photograph.

=> Despite

3. She wasn't wearing the coat although it was quite cold.

=> In spite of

4. We thought we'd better invite them to the party although we don't like them very much.

=> Despite

5. Come and sit down, whoever you are.

=> It doesn't matter

6. It doesn't matter how hard she tries, she never beat Sue at tennis.

=> However

7. No matter what he says, nobody believes him.

=> Whatever

8. He always woke up early no matter how late he had gone to bed.

=> However