

Linking words

Some questions test your knowledge of linking words and phrases.

- 9 Look at the bold linking words in the sentences (1-6). Match them to the synonyms (a-f).
- We had the party at home **rather than** hiring a hall.
 - We'll go ahead, **as long as** you're happy with that.
 - The plane was late **owing to** the bad weather.
 - Everyone was early, **apart from** Leon.
 - He is still a formidable opponent, **despite** his age.
 - I turned the music down **so as to** hear him better.
- a because of, due to, thanks to
b in spite of
c instead of
d in order to
e except
f if, provided that

- 10 Choose the correct linking words (A-D) to complete the sentences.

TIP: Make sure the word you choose fits with the words that come after the gap as well as those that come before.

- We decided to take our own picnic, _____ than eating out.
A instead B whereas
C rather D by contrast
- We needed to hurry up, _____ we would be late.
A otherwise B however
C although D except
- The product was a success _____ its problems.
A except B in spite of
C however D although
- I won't call you _____ there's a problem.
A unless B provided that
C except D owing to
- The shop sold cards and magazines _____ books.
A in addition B in particular
C as well as D what's more
- _____ the first experiments failed, she never thought about giving up.
A However B Nevertheless
C In spite of D Although

EXAM TASK

Read the text about preparing for a possible emergency and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Preparing for the worst

We all depend on supermarkets for food and we (0) D it for granted that the shelves will always be full. But some people believe it's best to be prepared (1) _____ there's an emergency and normal life is disrupted for a while. They say there is a risk from extreme weather or an outbreak of flu, (2) _____ more serious natural disasters. People who prepare in this way are informally (3) _____ as 'preppers', and more and more people are now listening to their (4) _____. Alison Jones from Cambridge, UK, is a typical example. She keeps a month's (5) _____ of food in a cupboard, along with bottled water and medicines that her family needs. She is aware that some people would (6) _____ her to be slightly odd, but says that, for her, it makes perfect (7) _____ to be prepared. 'We keep just enough to see us through a few weeks, so we can then (8) _____ our normal lives. Why would anyone not do that?'



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| 0 A get | B have | C make | D take |
| 1 A even if | B in case | C provided that | D whereas |
| 2 A although | B as well as | C in spite of | D in contrast |
| 3 A known | B called | C named | D entitled |
| 4 A views | B wishes | C requests | D decisions |
| 5 A donation | B number | C supply | D delivery |
| 6 A decide | B accept | C realise | D consider |
| 7 A sense | B reason | C idea | D judgement |
| 8 A go through with | B put up with | C get on with | D get away with |