



**TASK A.** Choose the correct option:

1. I've lived in America \_\_\_ I was five years old.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
2. He said he would be away \_\_\_ Monday.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
3. I've been married \_\_\_ five years now.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
4. Mom and Dad have gone away \_\_\_ a few days.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
5. Wait here \_\_\_ I come back.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
6. I stayed up \_\_\_ three in the morning.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
7. It has been raining \_\_\_ he arrived.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
8. I have been studying \_\_\_ half an hour.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
9. I have been away \_\_\_ five p.m.  
a. until   b. since   c. for
10. I am going on a holiday \_\_\_ three weeks.  
a. until   b. since   c. for

**TASK B.** Write SINCE or FOR, according to the sentence:

1. I've been in the same job \_\_\_\_\_ twenty years.
2. I've been in the same job \_\_\_\_\_ I left school.
3. John's been on holiday three times \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas. What a life!
4. It's been snowing \_\_\_\_\_ Monday. It's a meter deep in our garden.
5. The bridge still isn't finished. They've been building it \_\_\_\_\_ six years.
6. I'm not surprised you were cold and tired if you were skiing \_\_\_\_\_ six hours without a warm drink or any lunch.
7. The writer lived in Italy and France \_\_\_\_\_ the last three years of his life.
8. The missing man hasn't been seen \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks.
9. England hasn't won the football World Cup \_\_\_\_\_ 1966.
10. We live in Milan now, but we lived in Rome \_\_\_\_\_ a few years.

**TASK C.** Write SINCE or FOR:

1. Rachel has been in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.
2. Rachel has been in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ three days.
3. My aunt has lived in Australia \_\_\_\_\_ 15 years.
4. Jennifer is in her office. She has been there \_\_\_\_\_ 7 o'clock.
5. Mexico has been an independent country \_\_\_\_\_ 1821.
6. The bus is late. We've been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ 20 minutes.
7. Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty \_\_\_\_\_ many years.
8. Luis has been sick \_\_\_\_\_ a long time. He has been in the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ October.

**TASK D. Complete the sentences with **FOR** or **SINCE**:**

1. Pam is in Cuba now. She arrived three days ago. ***She has been there for three days.***
2. Carlos is here. He arrived here on Tuesday. He has \_\_\_\_\_
3. It's raining. It started an hour ago. It's been \_\_\_\_\_
4. I know Sue. I met her two years ago. I've \_\_\_\_\_
5. I have a camera. I bought it in 1999. I've \_\_\_\_\_
6. Liz is studying medicine at the university. She started three years ago. She has \_\_\_\_\_
7. Toshi plays the piano. He started when he was seven years old. Toshi has \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTHOUGH – EVEN THOUGH

## DESPISE – IN SPITE OF

**TASK E. Fill the gap in each sentence with **despite**, **in spite of**, **although** or **even though**.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ we are a small company, we sell almost a hundred machines a month.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ all the difficulties, the project started on time and was a success.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ we were warned against doing so, we went ahead with the project.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ his lack of experience, he became a successful businessman.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ being by far the oldest player, he scored three goals.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ he's a millionaire, he drives a second-hand car.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ it rained a lot, I enjoyed the holiday.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ working for the company for six months now, he never seems to know what to do.

**TASK F. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated.**

1-Although I was late, I didn't miss the bus.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

2-In spite of being in a hurry, I didn't forget to lock the door.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

3-Despite the rain, they went to the football match.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

4-Although I wasn't hungry, I ate the cake.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

5- Despite hating rock music, she went to the concert.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

6- Although it was snowing, they went shopping.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

7. Although she knew the answer, she refused to help him.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_

8. In spite of having a lot of money, she refuses to help the homeless.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

9. Despite being the boss, she works as hard as her employees.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

10. Although he isn't a good student, he did well in the exam.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

After **although** we use a subject + verb.

Example:

**Although** it was raining, Peter went camping.

We use **in spite of** and **despite** before a noun, a pronoun or -ing form.

Examples:

**In spite of** the rain, Peter went camping.

**In spite of** being rich, Peter is very simple.

**Despite** the rain, Peter went camping.

**Despite** being rich, Peter is very simple.

