

## FCE2 / Use of English / First Trainer - test 1 / Linking expressions

• Match the linking expressions to their meanings.

e linking expression	is used to
as long as	give a reason for an action / decision
no matter how / what / where	emphasise the importance of the final item in a list
not only	contrast ideas or say one thing is unlikely if the other is true
so as to	say one thing can only happen if another one happens too
despite the fact that	emphasise that sth. cannot be changed
on top of	say there is more than one problem
nevertheless	say that more than one (good or bad) thing is true
not to mention	contrast an idea to what has just been said
nevertheless not to mention	say that more than one (good or bad) the

Toda only to complete dust gap.
(1) the fact that the classes Mark enjoyed most at school were the a
classes, he chose to study physics at university so(2) to have a career in
science(3) only did he do well in his studies, he also found a job in a research
laboratory which he found interesting and satisfying. It looked as if all his dreams had com
true.
(4), Mark was not completely happy. He still dreamt of being an artist. An
(5) matter how hard he tried, he couldn't get the idea out of his head. After
work, he would go home and paint, and he spent most of his weekends painting too. But h
never felt he had enough time to create something he was really proud of. On
(6) of that, he was becoming exhausted because he worked in the lab for so many hours ever
day.
In the end, Mark spoke to his boss, and they agreed he could take six months off work, a
(7) as he promised to return to work after that. Mark devoted himself to himself t
painting for six wonderful months, producing a series of beautiful pictures. However, he bega
to miss his colleagues,(8) to mention the interesting work he did at the lab, s
he didn't mind returning to work when the time came. Mark's paintings still hang on his wall
at home, and he continues to combine his work and his art as best as he can

