

## Essential Connectors & Linkers for Intermediate English Learners



### Task 1 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 ..... the heavy snow, we managed to get home.  
A In spite of B However C While
- 2 ..... needing a rest, the team continued to work.  
A In spite B Despite C Although
- 3 I like peaches. I don't like bananas,.....  
A whereas B on the other hand C though
- 4 The film was good ..... it was also very frightening.  
A despite B but C in spite
- 5 Paul drives a car ..... Charles rides a motorbike.  
A whereas B even though C despite
- 6 ..... she isn't fond of classical music, she went to the concert.  
A However B Even though C While
- 7 .....being hungry, Sally didn't eat anything.  
A However B Yet C In spite of
- 8 The alarm went off, .....he didn't wake up.  
A whereas B yet C while
- 9 ..... we left the house early, we still missed the bus.  
A Although B Despite C In spite of
- 10 He wasn't wearing a coat .....it was very cold.  
A whereas B even though C despite

### Task 2 Complete the sentences.

- 1 In spite of the rain, the football match took place.  
Although \_\_\_\_\_, the football match took place.
- 2 Even though we were late, we stopped to have something to eat.  
Despite \_\_\_\_\_ we stopped to have something to eat.
- 3 Even though they are good friends, they argue a lot.  
In spite \_\_\_\_\_ good friends, they argue a lot.
- 4 In spite of having a lot of money, they are very mean.  
Although \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money, they are very mean.
- 5 In spite of winning the competition, he wasn't satisfied.  
Even though \_\_\_\_\_ the competition, he wasn't satisfied.
- 6 Even though he woke up early, he was late for his appointment.  
Despite \_\_\_\_\_ up early, he was late for his appointment.

## When & How

### *Whereas / While*

- Introduce a contrast between two ideas.
- The original movie was quite interesting, *whereas* the remake was really boring.
- *Whereas* you have lots of time to do your homework, I have very little time indeed.

