9A GRAMMAR clauses of contrast and purpose

a Match 1–10 with a–j to make complete sentences.

1	They went to London for…	g	**a** be late.
2	She flew to São Paulo to…		**b** the rough sea.
3	Although Josh played really well, …		**c** the fact that it was raining.
4	We downloaded a travel app so that…		**d** avoid the traffic.
5	Despite losing the first set, …		**e** I still went to work.
6	Even though I wasn't feeling very well, …		**f** she won the match.
7	I took a taxi so as not to…		**g** ~~a weekend break.~~
8	He went for a walk in spite of…		**h** he lost in the end.
9	We left early in order to…		**i** we would know the best things to see.
10	The men went out fishing in spite of…		**j** visit her brother.

b Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets so that both sentences mean the same.

1 In spite of the cold weather, the barbecue was a success. (**although**)
Although the weather was cold, the barbecue was a success.

2 A lot of companies have reduced staff numbers so that they can save money. (**in order to**)
_____.

3 Even though the flight was long, she felt great when she arrived in New York. (**despite**)
_____.

4 Nick didn't tell Louisa the truth because he didn't want to hurt her feelings. (**so as**)
_____.

5 I bought the shoes in spite of the fact that they were ridiculously expensive. (**even though**)
_____.

6 The company has a big market share even though they do very little advertising. (**in spite of**)
_____.

7 They had to leave the hotel early. If they hadn't, they would have missed their train. (**so that**)
_____.

8 She didn't get the job in spite of being a strong candidate. (**though**)
_____.

ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Then compare with a partner.

1 Sara is learning English in order to _____.
2 My husband isn't making very good progress in English, even though _____.
3 Nicola watches films in English to _____.
4 Jan passed his English exam despite _____.
5 Our English teacher took us to London for the weekend so that _____.

Write **two** true sentences about yourself and learning English. Use expressions of contrast and purpose. Then compare your ideas with a partner.

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