Unit 40 Grammar

Connectives

Time words and phrases

With some time words and phrases, we use the present simple to talk about the future. We don't use *will* or *be going to*.

after	*I'll call you **after** we **solve** the problem.*
as soon as	*I'll call you **as soon as** we **solve** the problem.*
before	*It'll be a few days **before** we **find** the solution.*
until / till	*I won't call you **until** we **find** the solution.*
when	*It'll be great **when** we **find** the solution.*
while	*I'll be in the office **while** I **deal** with this problem.*

Watch out! We can also put these time words and phrases at the beginning of the sentence.
✓ ***As soon as** we solve the problem, I'll call you.*

Although

We use the word *although* to express contrast.

Although + subject + verb, subject + verb	***Although** my homework was difficult, I finished it before bed.*

Watch out! We can also put *although* in the middle of the sentence.
✓ *I finished my homework before bed, **although** it was difficult.*

In spite of / Despite

We use *in spite of* and *despite* to express contrast. They mean the same thing.

In spite of / despite + *-ing* form, subject + verb	***In spite of revising** for hours, I didn't do well in the test.*
In spite of / despite + noun, subject + verb	***Despite my revision**, I didn't do well in the test.*

Watch out! We can also put *in spite of* and *despite* in the middle of the sentence.
✓ *I didn't do well in the test, **despite** revising for hours.*

However

We use *however* to express contrast.

Subject + verb. *However*, subject + verb.	*We believed that we would find a solution. **However**, we were wrong.*

Watch out! We can also put *however* at the end of the second sentence.
✓ *We believed that we would find a solution. We were wrong, **however**.*

Unless

The word *unless* means *if ... not* or *except if*.

✓ ***Unless** you hurry up, we'll be late. (= **If** you do**n't** hurry up, we'll be late.)*
For more information about conditional sentences, see Units 28 and 29.

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A The phrases in bold are wrong. Write the correct phrases.

1 We'll have something to eat when we **will get** home. .....
2 I won't book the tickets until you **will tell** me to. .....
3 I'll come home as soon as the concert **will finish**. .....
4 After you **are going to do** this test, we'll play a game. .....
5 He'll send you a text message before he **is going to leave.** .....
6 Will you go to St. Petersburg while you **will be** in Russia? .....

B Complete using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be • come • finish • have • leave • return • take

1 Call me as soon as you ..... any news.
2 She'll have to do a lot of revision before she ..... the exam.
3 Are they going to visit you while they ..... in the UK?
4 Do you want to go to university after you ..... school?
5 Claire won't have a break until she ..... all her homework.
6 The lesson can't start till the teacher ..... .

C Circle the correct word.

1 **Although / Despite** the water was cold, we still went swimming.
2 **Although / Despite** my mum's got a mobile, she never uses it.
3 **Although / Despite** looking for hours, I couldn't find a nice pair of jeans.
4 **Although / Despite** taking a map, we still got lost.
5 I don't like sweets, **although / despite** I do like chocolate.
6 We enjoyed the picnic **although / despite** the bad weather.

D Choose the correct answer.

1 ..... it was expensive, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However

2 ..... being expensive, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However

3 ..... the cost, the CD wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However

4 The CD was expensive. ..... , it wasn't very good quality.
A Although B In spite of C However

5 The CD was expensive. It wasn't very good quality, ...
A although B despite C however

6 The CD wasn't very good quality, ... being expensive.
A although B despite C however

7 The CD wasn't very good quality, ... it was expensive.
A although B in spite of C however

8 The CD wasn't very good quality, ... the cost.
A although B despite C however

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E Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 If the traffic isn't bad, she'll be here at six o'clock.
Unless the traffic ..... bad, she'll be here at six o'clock.

2 If it doesn't rain, we'll go to the beach.
Unless it ..... , we'll go to the beach.

3 If I'm not tired, I'll come to the party.
Unless ..... tired, I'll come to the party.

4 If Mrs Potts doesn't come, we won't have a test.
Unless Mrs Potts ..... , we won't have a test.

5 If Sarah comes, we'll watch the video.
We'll watch the video unless Sarah ..... .

6 If Mum gives me some pocket money, I'll buy a new pair of jeans.
I won't buy a new pair of jeans unless Mum ..... some pocket money.

F Choose the correct answer.

One door leads to freedom, but which one? *One* guard tells the truth, but which one? I can ask *one* question, but what?

Here's a problem for you. Imagine you're in a prison cell with two doors. There's a guard at each door. You can ask one of the guards one question, and then you can go through one door.
(**1**) ..... you choose the right door, you can go free. (**2**) ..... , if you choose the wrong door, you have to stay in prison forever!
And it gets worse! (**3**) ..... one of the guards always tells the truth, the other one always lies. And you don't know which one tells the truth.
It's an impossible situation – isn't it? No, it's not. But (**4**) ..... you're extremely careful, you might choose the wrong door. And you shouldn't choose a door (**5**) ..... you're absolutely sure it's the door to freedom. And you'll only know it's the right door (**6**) ..... you ask the right question. So – if you ever find yourself in that situation, here's what you do.
Say to one of the guards, 'If I asked the other guard which door leads to freedom, what would he say?' (**7**) ..... of not knowing if the guard always tells the truth or always lies, you'll always get an answer that will help you. (**8**) ..... you get the answer, go through the *other* door. You'll be free!

1	A Unless	B If	C Before	D As soon
2	A In spite of	B Despite	C Although	D However
3	A However	B Although	C Despite	D In spite of
4	A unless	B when	C if	D as soon as
5	A until	B if	C when	D while
6	A unless	B as soon as	C before	D when
7	A Although	B However	C In spite	D Despite
8	A Before	B Although	C As soon as	D Unless

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