

CONTRAST, PURPOSE & REASON

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CLAUSES OF CONTRAST

ALTHOUGH/EVEN THOUGH

+ SUBJECT + VERB
NO COMMA AFTER IT
Although/Even though we played well, we lost.
We played well, although/even though we lost.

HOWEVER

(;)/(.) + HOWEVER
+ COMMA (,)
We played well. However, we lost.
I eat better. However, I keep gaining weight.

IN SPITE OF/DESPITE

+ NOUN / -ING
We went out in spite of/despite the rain.
+ THE FACT THAT
+ SUBJECT + VERB
We went out in spite of/despite the fact that it was raining.

CLAUSES OF PURPOSE

TO

+ INFINITIVE
The new student worked hard to pass the test.

IN ORDER TO/IN ORDER NOT TO

+ INFINITIVE
I wanted to stay in order to finish the report.

SO AS TO/SO AS NOT TO

+ INFINITIVE
We were quiet so as not to wake up the baby.

SO THAT

+ SUBJECT + VERB
We left early so that we could park the car.

FOR

+ NOUN
They went to the pub for a drink.

CLAUSES OF REASON

AS/SINCE

+ SUBJECT + VERB
As/Since it was raining so heavily, we stayed.

BECAUSE

+ SUBJECT + VERB
We didn't go because it was raining heavily.

BECAUSE OF

+ NOUN
We didn't go because of the heavy rain.

DUE TO

+ NOUN
We didn't go due to the heavy rain. (=more formal)

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Choose the right connector:

- Although / Because the surgery was risky, the patient decided to proceed with it.
- Since / Even though the recovery period was long, the surgeon assured the patient of a successful outcome.
- Despite / Because of the high cost, the patient opted for the most advanced surgical procedure.
- Although / In spite of the potential complications, the surgery went ahead as planned.
- The surgeon performed a thorough examination identifying/ to identify the exact issue before the surgery.
- Although / In order to minimize the risk of infection, the medical team

followed strict sterilization protocols.

- The patient followed a strict diet because / so as to improve his chances of a quick recovery post-surgery.
- The surgeon explained the procedure in detail since / so that the patient could understand the potential risks and benefits.
- Because of / Because the patient's severe pain, the surgery was scheduled as soon as possible.
- Due to / in order to the surgeon's expertise, the operation was completed successfully without any complications.
- So as to / As the patient had a history of heart issues, the surgical team took extra precautions.
- Since / Although the patient had been experiencing chronic pain, the decision to undergo surgery was inevitable.