

73) Link words

A Reason, result and addition

A **link** between A and B is a connection between two or more people or things. The words in bold in this unit all **link** one idea **with** another idea.



... such an awful day! **Since** I'd had a bad night on Tuesday, I took a sleeping pill last night and **as a result**, I overslept this morning and had to take a taxi to the station. Of course, all the trains were delayed **due to** the snow, **plus** it was the rush hour **as well**, so I had to queue for ages at the ticket machine. That was bad enough, but when I finally got on the train, it was **not only** 30 minutes late **but also** very crowded. **In addition**, I had to stand all the way. Then when I got off the train, I slipped on some ice and broke my ankle. **As a consequence**, I've spent the whole day in hospital. Unbelievable!

GLOSSARY

since	SYN because , as
as a result	because of sth that happened before
due to sth	because of sth
plus	used to add more information
as well	We usually put as well at the end of a <i>clause</i> (= a part of a sentence that includes a subject and a verb). SYN also

not only ... but also	used to emphasize that sth else is also true
in addition (to sth/sb)	used when you want to mention another person or thing after sth else
as a consequence (of sth)	used to say one thing is the result of another

1 Circle the correct word.

► **As** **Y** **In addition** I had no money, I couldn't pay.

- 1 It snowed heavily, and **as a result** / **plus**, we had to stay in for two days.
- 2 **Since** / **As a result** it was such a horrible day, we went to see a film.
- 3 He had to give up his job **as a consequence** / **due to** stress.
- 4 People are richer these days, and **so** / **since** they spend a lot more.
- 5 It was a long way to the station, and I had a suitcase **as well** / **as a result**.
- 6 **As** / **Due to** he had no money, I ended up paying the bill.
- 7 The attacker not only had a knife **but as well** / **but also** a gun.
- 8 The town has a good transport system. **In addition** / **As a consequence**, it is very cheap to get around town.

2 Write the circled link words in Exercise 1 in the table below.

ADDITION	RESULT	REASON
► in addition		

3 Complete the sentences in a logical way.

► I didn't get to the party on time because **the train** was late.

- 1 In winter, schools sometimes have to due to bad weather.
- 2 Ulla lost her passport on the way to the airport. As a consequence, fly that day.
- 3 The hotel was dirty and the service was poor. In addition, the food
- 4 As I much money to spend, I decided to stay at home that evening.
- 5 Julius forgot his key and as a result, he couldn't
- 6 Jeans are extremely practical, plus expensive.
- 7 I had a bad night's sleep: the bed was uncomfortable, and hot as well.
- 8 Since I'll be away on holiday at the time of Lia's wedding, I attend.
- 9 In the sentence 'I didn't get to the party on time because the train was late', there are two The second one is 'because the train was late'.



B Contrasting ideas

A **contrast** is a difference between two or more people or things which are being compared. The words in bold below introduce an idea which **contrasts** with something you have just said.

Contrasting two ideas in <u>one</u> sentence:	Notes
<i>We got a ticket, [although, though, even though] it wasn't easy.</i>	The clause with although , even though and though can come at the beginning or the end: <i>Although it wasn't easy, we got a ticket.</i>
<i>I went to work, [despite, in spite of] feeling very unwell.</i>	despite SYN in spite of are often followed by an -ing form or a noun.
<i>On the one hand, the job is well paid, but on the other (hand), it's boring.</i>	on the one hand ... but on the other (hand) introduce two contrasting points of view.
Contrasting two ideas in <u>two</u> separate sentences:	
<i>The car was old. [Despite that, In spite of that,] I still bought it.</i>	In despite that / in spite of that , the word that refers back to the fact that the car was old.
<i>He didn't work hard. [However, All the same,] he still passed.</i>	However is more formal. All the same is more informal.

SPOTLIGHT *still*

Still can be used to emphasize that the second part of a sentence is surprising, especially after what was said in the first part of the sentence.

- *She felt ill, but she still went to work.*
- *He left an hour early, but he still missed the train.*

4 Match 1–8 with a–i.

- He says nice things about you
- 1 He got the job in spite
- 2 I thought the acting was good
- 3 He went out despite
- 4 The soup was disgusting
- 5 We had a nice day even
- 6 He felt really cold. In spite
- 7 He went to bed very late. All the same,
- 8 On the one hand, the bike can go anywhere

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- a he got to work on time.
- b feeling very unwell.
- c although the main course was nice.
- d though the weather wasn't very good.
- e of his lack of experience.
- f of that, he didn't put his sweater on.
- g However, you can't trust him. ✓
- h but on the other, the car's quicker.
- i though I didn't enjoy the story of the film.

5 Complete the sentences with one word. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- We had quite a nice day there. All the same, I wouldn't go back again.
- 1 I could just see the house the thick fog.
- 2 You'll find it hard to get work there., it's worth trying.
- 3 The queue for the exhibition was very long. In of that, it was worth waiting.
- 4 There was more snow today. I think it's warmer this evening.
- 5 spite of leaving two hours early, we missed the plane.
- 6 I didn't feel sleepy though it was very late.
- 7 Jun has very little money. Despite, he's really generous.

6 Complete the sentences in a suitable way.

- 1 She was very unkind to him. In spite of that,
- 2 Louise has plenty of money. All the same,
- 3 On the one hand, the hotel was very convenient, but on
- 4 I've applied for a job in the city, though
- 5 She has a serious illness. However,
- 6 She managed to arrive on time today in spite of
- 7 Despite being a very good driver, Anna still



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