

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

1 Circle the correct word.

- **As** / **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'.



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

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| ▶ He says nice things about you | | a he got to work on time. |
| 1 He got the job in spite | | b feeling very unwell. |
| 2 I thought the acting was good | | c although the main course was nice. |
| 3 He went out despite | | d though the weather wasn't very good. |
| 4 The soup was disgusting | | e of his lack of experience. |
| 5 We had a nice day even | | f of that, he didn't put his sweater on. |
| 6 He felt really cold. In spite | | g However, you can't trust him. ✓ |
| 7 He went to bed very late. All the same, | | h but on the other, the car's quicker. |
| 8 On the one hand, the bike can go anywhere | | 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.
- I could just see the house the thick fog.
 - You'll find it hard to get work there., it's worth trying.
 - The queue for the exhibition was very long. In of that, it was worth waiting.
 - There was more snow today, I think it's warmer this evening.
 - spite of leaving two hours early, we missed the plane.
 - I didn't feel sleepy though it was very late.
 - Jun has very little money. Despite, he's really generous.

6 Complete the sentences in a suitable way.

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



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