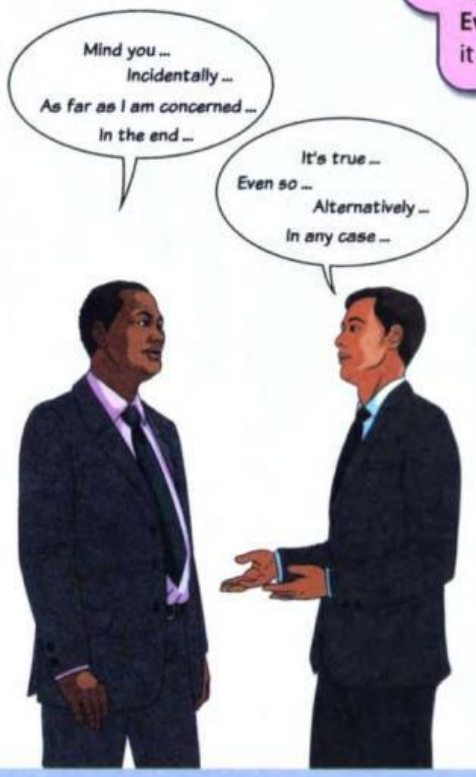
87 Connecting speech

I'm not very keen on the flat, or the area. **Mind you**, it's better than my last place. **Incidentally**, do you know how Pavel's getting on in his new flat?

Sam The company is likely to move its headquarters to Brussels. **As for** Deborah, she may have to get a job with another insurance firm.
Tanya Yes, or **alternatively**, she could stay with the company here, but in a different branch.
Sam OK, but **in the end**, she may decide that a change of company would **do her good**.

It's true that Peter was only trying to help. **Even so**, he shouldn't have got involved – it just made the problem a lot worse.



Brad Do you think you'll go back to the same hotel?
Asma Well, as a matter of fact we were a bit disappointed the last time we were there. **By and large** the staff were still great, but the place was starting to look a bit tired, and the food wasn't quite as good.

I don't think Ali should apply for the job in Munich. He doesn't have that much experience and, **in any case**, he doesn't speak German.

MOTHER George wants to spend the summer in France **so as to** improve his French.
FATHER Well, **as far as I'm concerned**, that's fine, but I hope he's not expecting us to pay for it.

GLOSSARY

mind you *inf*	used to add sth to what you have just said, especially sth that makes it less strong SYN **still**
incidentally	used to change the conversation to a different topic SYN **by the way**
as for sb/sth	used to start talking about sb/sth
alternatively	used to introduce an idea that is a second choice or possibility
in the end	after everything has been considered
do sb good	have a positive effect on sb; help sb
it's true (that) ...	used to admit that a fact or statement is correct, although you think sth else is more important
even so	despite that; used for introducing a new idea, fact, etc. SYN **all the same / nevertheless**
by and large	used when you are saying sth that is generally but not completely true SYN **to a large extent / on the whole / broadly speaking**
in any case	whatever happens or may have happened; often used to introduce the most important reason, argument, etc. SYN **anyway, besides**
so as to do sth	with the intention of doing sth
as far as I'm concerned	used to give your opinion about sth

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Match 1–10 with a–j.

1	mind	.....	a	case	6	in any	.....	f	speaking
2	by and	.....	b	extent	7	broadly	.....	g	I'm concerned
3	even	.....	c	the way	8	by	.....	h	so
4	as far as	.....	d	you	9	to a large	.....	i	same
5	on the	.....	e	large	10	all the	.....	j	whole

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 Broad speaking, it was very interesting. .....
2 We had a fantastic time. All same, I was glad to get home. .....
3 We left very early such as to avoid the rush hour. .....
4 I don't like her going in the sea because the water is dirty. In every case, she can't swim very well. .....
5 As far I'm concerned, the neighbours can have a street party if they want to. .....
6 You might get an interview for the job but, at the end, it's just a question of luck. .....
7 We've got most things organized for the picnic, and so for food, we'll all bring our own. .....
8 She seems very tired; I think a holiday would make her good. .....
9 I thought all the students did well. By my way, what's the Italian boy called? .....
10 I got some help from my father. Even, it was a very difficult task. .....

3 Replace the underlined word(s) with a word or phrase that keeps the same meaning. More than one answer is often possible.

1 I think he was from the Czech Republic. <u>By the way</u>, do you know Michaela from Prague? .....
2 <u>To a large extent</u>, you can get by without speaking the language. .....
3 I'm disappointed with my broadband speed. <u>Still</u>, it's faster than it was before. .....
4 We can't give Fergus a lift – he lives miles away. <u>In any case</u>, we haven't got room in the car. .....
5 <u>I agree</u> some of the definitions could be a bit shorter. <u>Nevertheless</u>, it's a good dictionary. .....
6 We could go for a nice long walk. ~ <u>Or</u> we could just stay here and chat. .....
7 I'm sure the exercise will <u>have a positive effect on them</u>. .....
8 I paid for the tickets in advance <u>in order to</u> get a good discount. .....
9 <u>If you ask me</u>, the government has got its policy on health care completely wrong. .....
10 We thought about getting a cat but, <u>after considering it for some time</u>, we decided not to. .....

4 Complete the sentences and dialogues with a suitable word or phrase.

1 Nuria said it wasn't likely to rain. _____, I'm still taking my umbrella.
2 We were thinking we might buy a tent and go to a camping site. _____, we could just stay in a B&B.
3 I took a different route home _____ avoid seeing Mr Pedder; he never stops talking.
4 Do you speak English at home? ~ Yeah, to a large _____.
5 I've packed lots of jumpers so I'm prepared for the cold weather.
~ Good, you'll need them. _____, what time does the plane leave?
6 I've been told there's a very good Chinese restaurant in the main square. _____ somewhere to stay, I'm afraid I can't help you.
7 You won't want to climb that hill – it's very steep. And, _____, it's too far away.
8 We'd planned to move in the spring, but _____ we decided it was more sensible to stay here.
9 There are a few problems in my neighbourhood, but _____, it's a good place to live.
10 _____ that a lot of people drop litter, which is very anti-social. _____, you can't start sending people to prison for that kind of offence.

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