ESL Activity Sheet

Connecting • Words

Activity 1

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below.



due to	despite	therefore	however
moreover	whereas	although	in order to

1. _____ my brother loves watching movies, he doesn't go to the cinema very often.
2. _____ spending years at university, he couldn't find a job.
3. My sister loves action films _____ I prefer comedy films.
4. Ella practised every day _____ improve her skills for the tennis tournament.
5. The rugby game was cancelled _____ the thunderstorm, so we stayed at home instead.
6. The new phone has a better camera. _____ , its battery lasts much longer than the previous model.
7. The number of students at the school has increased a lot and _____ they will be hiring more teachers.
8. It's a great idea to travel around Europe. _____, it might be too expensive.

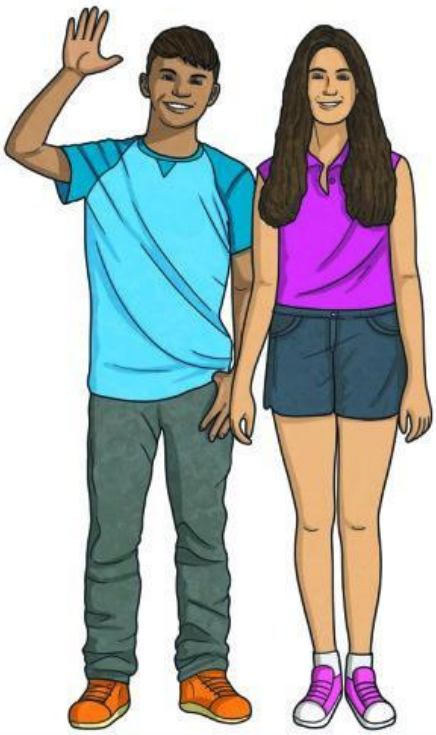
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Activity 2

Read the following text. Write one connecting word in each gap. Sometimes more than one option is possible.

Alex decided to organise a charity event at school **(1)** _____ raise money for a good cause. **(2)** _____ he was excited about the idea, he knew it would be challenging to get everyone involved. **(3)** _____, he created a detailed plan and recruited his friends to help. **(4)** _____, Alex reached out to several local businesses for sponsorships. **(5)** _____ , not all of them were willing to contribute. **(6)** _____ , the event still turned out to be a great success, and they raised more money than they had hoped. **(7)** _____, the positive feedback from the community encouraged Alex to plan future events. **(8)** _____, he gained valuable experience in event management and teamwork.





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Activity 3

Join the sentences below using the connecting word in bold. You may need to make further changes to the sentences. Sometimes more than one version of the sentence might be possible.

1. She wanted to buy a new phone. She saved all the money from her part-time job.

in order to

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_____

2. He is the fittest on the baseball team. He was made captain.

due to

_____

_____

3. Alice doesn't speak a word of French. She lives in France.

even though

_____

_____

4. We had a great time at the concert. Our seats were really far from the stage.

in spite of

_____

_____

5. We managed to find our destination. We didn't have a map.

nevertheless

_____

_____

6. Students have the option of learning many different languages. There is a language exchange trip abroad once a year.

furthermore

_____

_____

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7. I wanted to travel the world. I quit my job last year.

so as to

_____

_____

8. She achieved the highest score in the class. She studied for her English exam every day.

as a result

_____

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Activity 4

Students often make mistakes with these connecting words and the structures that follow them. Read the sentences, find the mistakes and correct them.

1. Despite she was studying all day, Emma didn't feel tired at all.

_____

2. The hike we had been planning for months was cancelled due to it being bad weather.

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3. Dan refused to go to the dentist in spite of he had a really bad toothache.

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4. Owing to there were technical problems, the cinema wasn't able to show the film.

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