

GRAMMAR FOCUS 8.1

Language Focus: - Connectors (*Although, Despite, In spite of, However*)

I. Choose the correct answer by circling the letter A, B or C.

1. We went out _____ the rain.
A. in spite of B. however C. although
2. They went swimming _____ it rained.
A. despite B. however C. although
3. Mrs. Brown went on working _____ she was tired.
A. although B. despite C. however
4. The number of these endangered animals has multiplied over the last ten years. _____ there are good reasons for continuing their protection.
A. Although B. However C. Despite
5. She went to school _____ the fact that she had a terrible headache.
A. although B. despite C. however
6. _____ she was a nice girl, I don't quite like her.
A. However B. Although C. In spite of
7. _____ it was inexpensive, it was a good watch.
A. Although B. Despite C. However
8. _____ we are not in a strong financial position, our profits have increased over the past months.
A. Nevertheless B. However C. Although
9. I didn't like the film. _____, everybody seemed to enjoy it.
A. Although B. However C. In spite of
10. _____ I didn't like the film, everybody seemed to enjoy it.
A. Although B. Despite C. However
11. We managed to do it, _____ the fact that he was not there.
A. however B. despite C. although
12. In the developing world salaries are low. _____ goods cannot always be produced more cheaply that may lead to famine.
A. Although B. However C. Despite
13. _____ I was feeling very ill, I did not go to the hospital.
A. Although B. However C. Despite
14. She refused the job _____ the low salary.
A. because B. because of C. despite
15. _____ he has a number of relatives living nearby, he never visits them
A. Despite B. However C. Although
16. He runs fast _____ his old age.
A. in spite of B. however C. because
17. _____ not doing any exercises, she doesn't get fat.
A. Although B. because C. Despite
18. I eat a lot of chocolate everyday _____ being overweight.
A. although B. however C. in spite of
19. She accepted the job _____ the salary was low.
A. although B. however C. despite
20. _____ we had planned everything carefully, lots of things went wrong.
A. Although B. However C. Because

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. *Although / Despite* the water was cold, we still went swimming.
2. *Although / Despite* my mum's got a mobile, she never uses it.
3. *Although / Despite* looking for hours, I couldn't find a nice pair of jeans.
4. *Although / Despite* taking a map, we still got lost.
5. I don't like sweets, *although / despite* I do like chocolate.
6. We enjoyed the picnic *although / despite* the bad weather.

III. Match sentence-halves in column A with the ones in column B using appropriate connectors: *although* or *despite*.

A

1. The farmer went to bed soon and slept like a baby
2. The little girl fell asleep just a few minutes after the beginning
3. The film *Planet of the Apes* attracted a lot of young people
4. There were very few people coming to watch the film
5. The local authorities decided to put a ban on the film *The Crazy Hospital*.

B

- A. they spent a lot of money on it.
- B. having a hard-working day.
- C. having high ticket prices.
- D. the comedy was extremely gripping.
- E. critics said it was entertaining.

Write your sentences:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

IV. Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentence. Do not change the form of the word in the bracket.

1. I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (*in spite of*)

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2. We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other. (*Despite*)

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3. I got very wet in rain. I had an umbrella. (*even though*)

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4. We had planned to walk right round the lake. The heavy rain made this impossible. (*Although*)

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5. Mary was sick. She didn't leave the meeting until it ended. (*despite*)

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