

**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**)  
.....
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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