

LINKING WORDS AND CONCESSIONAL CLAUSES

1 Match the beginnings and endings of these sentences.

- 1 I know Shanghai quite well,
- 2 In spite of injuring his foot,
- 3 He doesn't earn very much,
- 4 Although he always takes his laptop,
- 5 Smiling broadly,
- 6 When changing the torch battery,
- 7 Before signing that document,
- 8 After selling his business,
- 9 Despite the fact that it is very old,

- A you should read it carefully.
- B he retired to an island in the Mediterranean.
- C he scored three goals.
- D in spite of being so talented.
- E this book is still very useful.
- F our uncle welcomed us into his house.
- G but I've never been to Beijing.
- H Dad rarely emails us when he's away.
- I be careful not to damage the bulb.

2 Do these pairs of sentences have exactly the same meaning? Write S (same) or D (different).

- 1 a Although Sharon quite enjoys musicals, she really prefers more serious drama.
b Sharon quite enjoys musicals, but she really prefers more serious drama. S
- 2 a Asking for directions, Sam showed the farmer the map he'd been given.
b Asked for directions, Sam showed the farmer the map he'd been given.
- 3 a Brian continued to work long hours, in spite of being ill.
b Even though he was ill, Brian continued to work long hours.
- 4 a Chloe's father promised her a car, even though she didn't pass her final exam.
b Chloe's father promised her a car, even if she didn't pass her final exam.
- 5 a Despite searching everywhere, I didn't find the money.
b I searched everywhere, but I didn't find the money.
- 6 a Warning of storms ahead, the mountain guide led us back to the hostel.
b Warned of storms ahead, the mountain guide led us back to the hostel.

4 Choose the correct words in these sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- 1 The city's quite interesting but it isn't enough big / big enough to get lost in.
- 2 It would be lovely if you came here therefore / since we could do millions of interesting things.
- 3 The concert was such / so exciting that the time went by very quickly.
- 4 We should apply to work there so / as it would be a good way for us to practise English.
- 5 They think the project is a waste of time. Therefore / Because it will be cancelled.
- 6 It has been so / such a long time since I last wrote to you.
- 7 Why is shopping so popular? Because / As it can help us to relax.

3 Combine each pair of sentences, using the -ing form or the past participle.

1 Arnold was faced with a difficult decision. Arnold decided to consult his boss.

Faced with a difficult decision, Arnold decided to consult his boss.

2 The singer waved to her fans. The singer got into her car.

3 Simon grumbled about the amount of homework he had. Simon took out his grammar book.

4 The school buildings were designed by a famous architect. The school buildings won several prizes.

5 Wendy was a sensible girl. Wendy didn't panic when she cut her hand.

6 Paul heard cries for help. Paul dived into the water.

7 This song was recorded only last week. This song has already been downloaded a million times.

4 Complete the sentences with these words and phrases.

before even if even though in spite of since though while

1 I quite enjoy playing tennis, in spite of the fact that I usually lose.

2 Even if painting my room, I made quite a mess of the carpet.

3 It's essential to train regularly before attempting to run a marathon.

4 I hardly ever receive any emails even though I write lots.

5 They insist they'll have a barbecue even if it rains.

6 Jane enjoys cooking. She's not much good at making cakes, though.

7 Before arriving in this country, I've made lots of new friends.

5 Choose the correct version of these sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- 1 a I thought the restaurant was expensive in spite the fact that the manager had told me it was cheap.
b I thought the restaurant was expensive in spite of the fact that the manager had told me it was cheap.
- 2 a Although I enjoyed the book, but I found the ending very disappointing.
b Although I enjoyed the book, I found the ending very disappointing.
- 3 a You can think before to choose which one you will buy.
b You can think before choosing which one you will buy.
- 4 a He allowed me to go into the concert despite the fact that I was an hour late.
b He allowed me to go into the concert despite of the fact that I was an hour late.
- 5 a After receiving the visa, I will come and visit you in Canada.
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