Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using "*although, despite, in spite of,* ". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

1. _____the story of the film was good, I didn't like the acting.

2.I went to see the film_____ feeling really tired.

3. I really enjoyed the *Water War* _____most of my friends said it wasn't a very good film.

4. _____careful preparation, they had a lot of difficulties in making the film.

5. _____the film was gripping, Tom slept from beginning to end.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences using "although, despite, in spite of, however, nevertheless". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

(1)_____ Duong had lots of homework to do, he agreed to go shopping with his friend Nick. Nick loved to buy sportswear. (2)_____ , Duong was more of a jeans and T-shirt kind of boy. (3)_____ the rain, they set off on Sunday morning for the town centre. Nick, as always, had more cash than Duong. (4)_____, Duong was better at buying things cheaply or for less than their usual prices. They were hungry and had lunch at the local burger bar. (5)_____ they had spent nearly all their money, there were still a few shops that Nick wanted to visit, and (6)_____ having aching feet, Duong and Nick spent more hours shopping.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences using "although, despite, in spite of, however, nevertheless". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

1. The film didn't receive good reviews from critics. _____, many people went to see it.

2. _____ the silly story, many people enjoyed the film.

3. They spent millions of dollars on making the film. _____, it wasn't as successful as expected.

4. _____ Jaws is one of Spielberg's first films, it is one of his best.

5. _____ the film was a bit frightening, I really enjoyed it.

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences using "*although, despite, in spite of, however, nevertheless*". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

1. I think I did ok in my speech last night, _____I'd had almost no sleep for 24hours.

2. _____I heard the telephone ring, I didn't answer it.

3. We enjoyed our holiday _____ the rain.

4. _____he got top marks at high school, he never went to university.

5. _____there was no electricity, I was able to read because I

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had a candle.

6. She failed the test _____ she studied hard.

7. _____ difficulties, the firemen managed to save many people who were caught in the fire.

8. Everyone thought she would accept the offer. _____, she turned it down.

9. Carol arrived at the meeting _____ I asked her not to be there.

10. It looks like they're going to succeed _____ their present difficulties.

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