

Complete the sentences with *although* / *in spite of* / *because* / *because of*.

1. _____ it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
2. _____ all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.
3. _____ we'd planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
4. I went home early _____ I was feeling unwell.
5. I went to work the next day _____ I was still feeling unwell.
6. She only accepted the job _____ the salary, which was very high.
7. She accepted the job _____ the salary, which was rather low.
8. I managed to get to sleep _____ there was a lot of noise,
9. I couldn't get to sleep _____ the noise.

Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences.

1 I couldn't sleep. I was very tired, (despite)

I couldn't sleep _____

2 They have very little money. They are happy, (in spite of)

In spite _____

3 My foot was injured. I managed to walk home, (although)

I managed _____

4 I enjoyed the film. The story was silly, (in spite of)

I enjoyed the film _____

5 We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other, (despite)

We hardly ever see each other _____

6 I got very wet in the rain. I was only out for five minutes, (even though)

I got very wet _____

Grammar in a text. Complete the text with conjunctions from the boxes.

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HOLIDAY PLANS

Everything was OK ¹ we started talking about holidays. Then it got difficult. The problem was, ² John and I wanted to go to the Alps ³ we could do some climbing, Jenny just wanted to spend two weeks lying on the beach. I said I didn't mind spending a week at the seaside ⁴ we could go to the mountains after that. But John said he couldn't go to the seaside ⁵ his allergy to sand and salt. Jenny said that ⁶ most of us wanted to go to the mountains, she would go along with the majority, ⁷ personally she hated mountains.

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Carola said that she didn't mind where we went ⁸ she didn't have to do any cooking. Then Mark said something very unpleasant. ⁹ Carola had stopped crying, Jenny said, 'Well, what about two weeks in Rome?' and everybody else started shouting, 'Are you crazy? Rome in August. 35 degrees.' etc etc. When they had all finished shouting I said I'd make a cup of tea ¹⁰ we could all calm down a little. Jenny said she would prefer coffee, and John said he could only drink ¹¹ decaf ¹² water, and Carola said she would like fruit juice.

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¹³ I was beginning to get a little cross by this time, I kept my temper ¹⁴ everything. I just asked politely if they thought I was running a hotel. Then Jenny said something very unpleasant, and Carola said she thought she would have a lovely holiday ¹⁵ she didn't have to go with any of us, and John threw a book at her, and Carola hit John with a flower vase, and everything became extremely confused. ¹⁶ the police had left, we decided to put off a decision about holidays for a day or two.