

USE OF ENGLISH

LANGUAGE REVIEW

linking words – contrast, reason and result

1 Choose the correct linking word to complete the sentences (1–7).

- 1 We didn't have classes in the afternoon *so/ because* the teachers were meeting with parents.
- 2 *Despite/Whereas* all of my revision, I didn't do well in the exam.
- 3 I hadn't prepared for the test and, *as a result/in spite of*, I failed it.
- 4 *But/While* art is my favourite subject, I enjoy maths and science as well.
- 5 Our schools have a good reputation, *therefore/ whereas* many new families are moving to our district.
- 6 *Although/However* I liked studying abroad, I missed my friends and family.
- 7 *However/In spite of* all of our requests, we still don't have a good computer lab.

2 Complete the sentences (1–4) with the linking words from the box. There is one extra word.

while so although because despite

- 1 He decided to go on a diet _____ he was not overweight at all.
- 2 There's no homework for tomorrow _____ it's going to be a sports day.
- 3 _____ knowing a lot about his subject, he has trouble explaining his ideas.
- 4 The party promised to lower taxes and increase wages, _____ they won the election.