

## Grammar – 9: Linkers of contrast:

**However / Although / Despite /  
Even though / In spite of**

### A. Choose the correct answers.

1. *Although / In spite of* I've never seen one, I'm sure UFOs exist.
2. I think his theories are interesting. I don't believe them, *even though / however*.
3. *In spite of / Although* living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a few people still believe that the world is flat.
4. I don't believe in horoscopes. *Even though / However*, I often read mine just for fun.
5. *Although / Despite* I wasn't feeling well, I went to Joe's birthday party.
6. *Despite / Even though* being really tired, I didn't sleep very well.
7. *Even though / However* I studied French at school, I can't speak it.
8. *Despite / Although* the danger, Mark wants to be a war reporter.

### B. Match the sentences.

1. He's really good at English. .....	A. We finished the game.
2. I didn't think the film was very good. .....	B. He's a brilliant drummer.
3. My friend Francesco's deaf. .....	C. He didn't pass the exam.
4. Louis father's a millionaire. .....	D. He never buys him anything.
5. There's no specific proof. .....	E. Some people believe in ghosts.
6. There was heavy rain. .....	F. It won an Oscar.

### C. Join the pairs of sentences in Exercise B using the words in brackets.

1. (Although).....  
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2. (However).....  
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3. (Even though).....  
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4. (Despite).....  
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5. (Although).....  
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6. (In spite of).....  
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***D. Complete the sentences with however, although, despite, even though or in spite of.***

1. .... Andrew was warned of the risks, he decided to travel alone to South America.
2. Marida did not get a promotion ..... her qualifications.
3. The city has a 50 kph limit. ...., people are often caught speeding.
4. You won't be forgiven ..... your apology.
5. We couldn't find a house to buy ..... we looked at quite a few.
6. He always looks so lonely and sad ..... his popularity.

