Essential Connectors & Linkers for Intermediate English Learners



Task 1 Choose the correct answer.

1 ..... the heavy snow, we managed to get home.

A In spite of B However C While

2 ..... needing a rest, the team continued to work.

A In spite B Despite C Although

3 I like peaches. I don't like bananas,.....

A whereas B on the other hand C though

4 The film was good .....it was also very frightening.

A despite B but C in spite

5 Paul drives a car ..... Charles rides a motorbike.

A whereas B even though C despite

6 ..... she isn't fond of classical music, she went to the concert.

A However B Even though C While

7 .....being hungry, Sally didn't eat anything.

A However B Yet C In spite of

8 The alarm went off, ...he didn't wake up.

A whereas B yet C while

9 .....we left the house early, we still missed the bus.

A Although B Despite C In spite of

10 He wasn't wearing a coat.....it was very cold.

A whereas B even though C despite

Task 2 Complete the sentences.

1 In spite of the rain, the football match took place.

Although _____, the football match took place.

2 Even though we were late, we stopped to have something to eat.

Despite_____we stopped to have something to eat.

3 Even though they are good friends, they argue a lot.

In spite _____good friends, they argue a lot.

4 In spite of having a lot of money, they are very mean.

Although _____a lot of money, they are very mean.

5 In spite of winning the competition, he wasn't satisfied.

Even though _____the competition, he wasn't satisfied.

6 Even though he woke up early, he was late for his appointment.

Despite _____up early, he was late for his appointment.

When & How

Whereas / While

- Introduce a contrast between two ideas.
- The original movie was quite interesting, *whereas* the remake was really boring.
- *Whereas* you have lots of time to do your homework, I have very little time indeed.

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