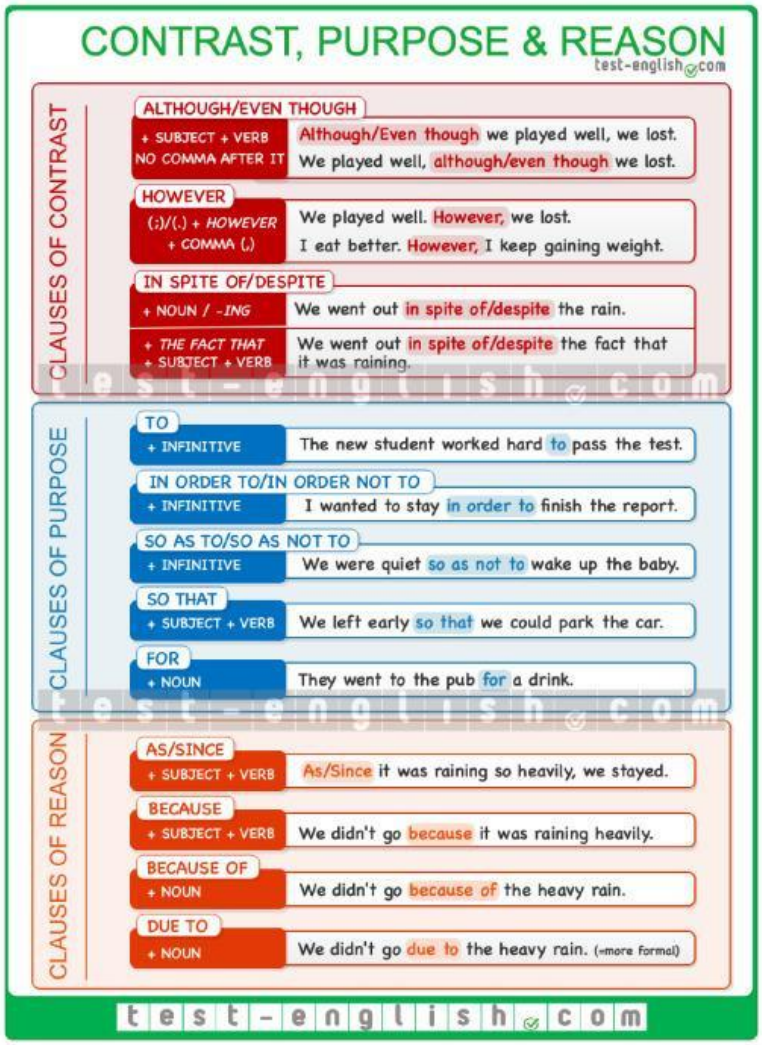

Choose the right connector:

- **Although / Because** the surgery was risky, the patient decided to proceed with it.
- **Since / Even though** the recovery period was long, the surgeon assured the patient of a successful outcome.
- **Despite / Because of** the high cost, the patient opted for the most advanced surgical procedure.
- **Although / In spite of t**he potential complications, the surgery went ahead as planned.
- The surgeon performed a thorough examination **identifying / to identify** the exact issue before the surgery.
- **Although / In order to** minimize the risk of infection, the medical team followed strict sterilization protocols.
- The patient followed a strict diet **because / so as to** improve his chances of a quick recovery post-surgery.
- The surgeon explained the procedure in detail **since / so that** the patient could understand the potential risks and benefits.
- **Because of / Because** the patient's severe pain, the surgery was scheduled as soon as possible.
- **Due to / in order to** the surgeon's expertise, the operation was completed successfully without any complications.
- **So as to / As** the patient had a history of heart issues, the surgical team took extra precautions.
- **Since / Although** the patient had been experiencing chronic pain, the decision to undergo surgery was inevitable.

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