

EXERCISE 1

Circle the correct answer.

1. **(Although / Despite)** she's the head of the department, she often goes out with her colleagues.
2. The account manager called his client **(for / to)** arrange a meeting.
3. The company is expanding **(even though / in spite of)** there is a recession.
4. The firm made several people redundant **(in order to / so that)** cut costs.
5. His secretary stayed at her desk **(to not / so as not to)** miss an important phone call.
6. Everybody seemed to enjoy Mike's speech at the wedding **(in spite of / even though)** his terrible jokes.
7. The restaurant staff are happy **(despite / although)** working long hours every day.
8. She closed the door of her office **(so as to / so that)** nobody could hear her conversation.

EXERCISE 2

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word or phrase in bold.

1. Although he's the managing director, he goes to work by bike. **(despite)**

He goes to work by bike

2. Although they don't do any marketing, their products sell well. **(in spite of)**

Their products sell well

3. They reduced their prices so as to sell more products. **(so that)**

They reduced their prices

4. I have to leave work by six o'clock so that I don't miss my train. **(so as not to)**

I have to leave work by six o'clock

5. Despite the fact that I was late, my boss wasn't angry. **(although)**

My boss wasn't angry

EXERCISE 3

Rewrite the sentences.

1. We stayed at a bed and breakfast so as not to spend too much money on accommodation.

We stayed at a bed and breakfast so that

2. Despite earning a fortune, she drives a very old car.

Although

3. Everyone enjoyed the film even though the ending was sad.

Everyone enjoyed the film in spite of

4. The plane managed to land despite the terrible weather conditions.

The plane managed to land even though

5. I told her I enjoyed the meal she had cooked me so that I wouldn't offend her.

I told her I enjoyed the meal she had cooked me so as

6. The manager called a meeting so as to explain the new policy.

The manager called a meeting in order