

VOCABULARY:

1. Mặc dù/ De...../ Even.....+ S + V
2. Mặc dù : inof / De.....+ The/ V+
3. Bởi vì :S + V
4. Bởi vì :+ The / V ing
5. Để : In...../So.....+ V
6. Để làm gì :+ S + V

II. Complete the sentences with although / in spite of / because / because of/so as to / so that /

1. I stayed at home _____ the rain.
2. We decided to continue the trip _____ The weather was bad.
3. She got up early _____ go to the meeting in time.
4. They finished the project on time _____ they worked so hard .
5. He went to school _____ the heavy rain.
6. The team lost the match _____ they played very well.
7. She accepted the job _____ she could earn some money for his studying.
8. We couldn't go to the beach _____ there was a strong storm.
9. He made many new friends _____ he was new to the city.
10. The restaurant was very crowded _____ the excellent food

III. Rewrite the following sentences. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences.

1. He stayed at home because he had a bad headache. (**because of**)
He stayed at home because of _____
2. They went for a walk although it was raining heavily. (**in spite of**)
They went for a walk in spite of the _____
3. She was late because the traffic was terrible. (**because of**)
She was late because of the _____
4. The film was so interesting that everyone watched it twice. (**such**)
It was such an _____ that _____
5. Despite his busy schedule, he helped his classmates. (**although**)
Although his schedule was _____
6. We took a taxi . We could go to the meeting in time

We took a taxi so as to _____

7. The book was such a difficult one that few students understood it. **(so)**

The book was so _____

8. We heated the soup for a while in order to make it more tasty

We heated the soup for a while so that we could _____

9. Although she was nervous, she gave an excellent presentation. **(despite)**

Despite _____

10. The road was so narrow that two cars couldn't pass each other. **(such)**

It was such a _____

READING:

Why you should read fiction

At school, the **(1)**..... majority of what we learn is factual. In history lessons we memorise names and dates; in science we have to cope **(2)**..... chemical formulas and complex equations; in maths it's all numbers and signs. It's only in language lessons where we may **(3)**..... fiction. Some people would argue that there's **(4)**..... point in reading something which is 'made up'. If this is the **(5)**....., why do language teachers encourage their students to look at anything **(6)**..... from dictionaries and reference materials?

It is because they are **(7)**..... of the benefits that reading brings. It isn't simply because reading fiction helps us **(8)**..... reality for a while and switch off from our everyday routines. Reading fiction also teaches us to see the world through other people's eyes.

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| 1 A vast | B wide |
| C far | D high |
| 2 A for | B on |
| C by | D with |
| 3 A come up | B come across |
| C come about | D come over |
| 4 A little | B slight |
| C minimal | D hardly |
| 5 A issue | B matter |
| C case | D point |
| 6 A except | B apart |
| C other | D beside |
| 7 A aware | B wise |
| C familiar | D sensitive |
| 8 A depart | B miss |

It (9)..... us to understand the feelings of others, making us more empathetic. Fiction, in other words, helps us be better friends.

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| C escape | D break |
| 9 A lets | B authorises |
| C makes | D enables |

Child's play?

Imagine a restaurant, but with a (1)..... . The restaurant is run (2)..... by children aged under 11; they cook and serve the food, and then wash up. The children even bring the bill at the end of the meal, all with a little help from the (3)..... staff of course. There are always four adults on hand to (4)..... the youngsters. There's a set menu with a main course and dessert, and everything is made from fresh (5)..... . The food is healthy and prices are (6)..... and so, not surprisingly, the restaurant is very popular. This means that a reservation is usually necessary to be (7)..... of getting a table. The (8)..... idea is to help parents by providing childcare, and to help children learn to be responsible. This is done by giving them independence in a fun and child-friendly (9)..... . Is this the stuff of dreams? No, it's the new reality of the 21st century.

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| 1 A change | B difference |
| C variation | D contrast |
| 2 A entirely | B all |
| C substantially | D thoroughly |
| 3 A rising | B increased |
| C grown-up | D expanding |
| 4 A command | B order |
| C demand | D supervise |
| 5 A flavours | B ingredients |
| C courses | D components |
| 6 A low | B small |
| C little | D minor |
| 7 A sure | B definite |
| C truthful | D known |
| 8 A easy | B elementary |
| C introductory | D basic |
| 9 A position | B neighbourhood |
| C environment | D region |