

WRITING

a for-and-against essay

5A Read the article and choose the main topic (a–c).

- a The benefits of walking in the rain.
- b Why people dislike walking in the rain.
- c How to enjoy walking in the rain.

B Complete the article with *although*, *despite*, *however* or *while*.

Wet weather walking

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¹ the fact that we're repeatedly told to spend more time in nature, few of us actually do.

² it's true that it's often raining and cold in the UK, there are ways to making walking in wet weather more appealing.

You may have heard the expression, 'There's no such thing as bad weather – only bad clothing'.

³ it's easy enough to buy wet weather gear, it means making a bit more effort to get out of the house. ⁴, if you take that extra step, you might just find it was worth it.

To avoid getting really wet on your walk, try taking a route through woodland, where the trees provide cover. ⁵, remember that rain can still drip through the branches, so don't take off your raincoat just yet!

The best way to enjoy a walk in the rain is to set off with the right attitude. Then, ⁶ the fact you're getting a little wet, you can really start to appreciate nature in all weathers.

C Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 Despite I love living in the city, I also like getting out into the countryside from time to time.
- 2 My apartment has got a fantastic view. Although, I'm starting to find it a little small.
- 3 Despite many people I know prefer renting, I've decided to save up and buy a house.
- 4 However there can be a great sense of community in villages, everyone knows your business, too!
- 5 Although the fact that public transport is so good in the city, many people still insist on driving.
- 6 I think there are very few downsides to living in the country. Despite, I'll admit it can be boring at times.