Linking Words

Connectors: contrast, reason, result, purpose · B2 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Addition: and · also · in addition · moreover · as well as.
Contrast: but · however (adverb) · although / even though + subject + verb · despite / in spite of + noun noun or -ing · whereas.
Reason: because / since / as + subject + verb · because of / due to + noun.
Result: so · therefore · as a result · consequently.
Purpose: to / in order to + infinitive · so that + subject + verb.

Position: However, … (start + comma) · although + clause · despite + noun / -ing.

1 Choose the correct linker.

1 (Although / Despite) it was raining, we went for a walk.

2 We went for a walk (although / despite) the rain.

3 She passed the exam (because / because of) she studied hard.

4 The match was cancelled (because / because of) the storm.

5 He's rich, (but / however) he isn't happy.

6 He's rich. (But / However), he isn't happy.

7 I took a map (so / so that) I wouldn't get lost.

8 It was late, (so / because) we went home.

2 Complete with a suitable linker from the box.

LINKERS

However · Because of · Although · so that · In addition · As a result

1 _____ the bad weather, the flight was delayed.

2 The hotel was expensive. _____, the service was poor.

3 _____ he was very tired, he kept working.

4 She whispered _____ nobody would hear her.

5 He didn't study at all; _____, he failed.

6 I like tea; _____, I prefer coffee.

3 Join the sentences using the word in brackets.

1 *It was cold. We went swimming. (although)*

2 *He was tired. He finished the race. (despite)*

3 *The roads were icy. The school closed. (because of)*

4 *She saved money. She could travel. (so that)*

5 *I was ill. I stayed at home. (so)*

4 Rewrite using the linker in brackets. Keep the same meaning.

1 *Although he was ill, he came to work. (Despite…)*

2 *Despite the noise, I slept well. (Although…)*

3 *Because of the rain, we stayed in. (Because…)*

4 *Although it was expensive, we bought it. (In spite of…)*

5 *He succeeded because he worked hard. (because of…)*

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *Despite it was late, we continued.*

2 *Although of the rain, we went out.*

3 *We left early because of we were tired.*

4 *I study hard for to pass my exams.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Choose the linker

1 Although 2 despite 3 because 4 because of 5 but 6 However 7 so that 8 so

2 · Complete from the box

1 Because of 2 In addition 3 Although 4 so that 5 As a result 6 however

3 · Join the sentences

1 Although it was cold, we went swimming.
2 Despite being tired, he finished the race.
3 Because of the icy roads, the school closed.
4 She saved money so that she could travel.
5 I was ill, so I stayed at home.

4 · Rewrite

1 Despite being ill, he came to work. (Despite his illness, …)
2 Although there was noise, I slept well.
3 Because it was raining, we stayed in.
4 In spite of the high price, we bought it.
5 He succeeded because of his hard work.

5 · Error correction

1 Although it was late, we continued. 2 Despite / In spite of the rain, we went out.
3 … because we were tired. 4 I study hard (in order) to pass my exams.