To..., for... and so that... (purpose)

We use **to...** to say why somebody does something (= the *purpose* of an action):

- 'Why did you go out?' '**To post** a letter.'
- A friend of mine phoned **to invite** me to a party.
- We shouted **to warn** everybody of the danger.

So that

Sometimes you have to use **so that** for purpose. We use **so that** (*not* **to...**):

i) when the purpose is *negative* (**so that...won't/wouldn't**):
- I hurried **so that I wouldn't** be late. (= because I didn't want to be late)
- Leave early **so that** you **won't** (*or* **don't**) miss the bus.

ii) with **can** and **could** (**so that...can/could**)
- She's learning English **so that** she **can** study in Canada.
- We moved to London **so that** we **could** visit our friends more often.

iii) when one person does something **so that** *another* person does something else:
- I gave her my address **so that she** could contact me.
- He wore glasses and a false beard **so that nobody** would recognise him.

63.2 *Complete these sentences using a suitable verb.*

1 The President has a team of bodyguards ...to protect... him.
2 I didn't have enough time ..... the newspaper today.
3 I came home by taxi. I didn't have the energy .....
4 'Would you like something .....?' 'Yes, please. A cup of coffee.'
5 We need a bag ..... these things in.
6 There will be a meeting next week ..... the problem.
7 I wish we had enough money ..... a new car.
8 I saw Helen at the party but we didn't have a chance ..... to each other.
9 I need some new clothes. I haven't got anything nice .....
10 They've just passed their exams. They're having a party .....
11 I can't do all this work alone. I need somebody ..... me.

63.4 *Write sentences with* **so that.**

1 I hurried. I didn't want to be late. ...I hurried so that I wouldn't be late...
2 We wore warm clothes. We didn't want to get cold.
We wore .....
3 The man spoke very slowly. He wanted me to understand what he said.
The man .....
4 I whispered. I didn't want anybody else to hear our conversation.
..... nobody .....
5 Please arrive early. We want to be able to start the meeting on time.
Please .....
6 She locked the door. She didn't want to be disturbed.
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Although / though / even though In spite of / despite

After **although** we use a *subject + verb*:

- **Although it rained** a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
- I didn't get the job **although I had** all the necessary qualifications.

Compare the meaning of **although** and **because**:

- We went out **although** it was raining.
- We didn't go out **because** it was raining.

After **in spite of** or **despite**, we use a *noun*, a *pronoun* (**this/that/what** etc.) or **-ing**:

- **In spite of the rain**, we enjoyed our holiday.
- I didn't get the job **in spite of having** all the necessary qualifications.
- She wasn't well, but **in spite of this** she went to work.
- **In spite of what** I said yesterday, I still love you.

Despite is the same as **in spite of**. Note that we say 'in spite **of**', but **despite** (without 'of'):

- She wasn't well, but **despite this** she went to work. (*not* 'despite of this')

You can say '**in spite of the fact** (that)...' and '**despite the fact** (that)...':

- I didn't get the job { **in spite of the fact** (that) / **despite the fact** (that) } I had all the necessary qualifications.

Compare **in spite of** and **because of**:

- We went out **in spite of the rain**. (*or* ...**despite the rain**.)
- We didn't go out **because of the rain**.

112.2 *Complete the sentences with* **although / in spite of / because / because of.**

1 ...Although... it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
2 a ..... all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.
b ..... we had planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
3 a I went home early ..... I was feeling unwell.
b I went to work the next day ..... I was still feeling unwell.
4 a She only accepted the job ..... the salary, which was very high.
b She accepted the job ..... the salary, which was rather low.
5 a I managed to get to sleep ..... there was a lot of noise.
b I couldn't get to sleep ..... the noise.

Use your own ideas to complete the following sentences:

6 a He passed the exam although .....
b He passed the exam because .....
7 a I didn't eat anything although .....
b I didn't eat anything in spite of .....

112.3 *Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences.*

1 I couldn't sleep. I was tired. (despite) ...I couldn't sleep despite being tired...
2 They have very little money. They are happy. (in spite of)
In spite of .....
3 My foot was injured. I managed to walk to the nearest village. (although)
.....
4 I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (in spite of)
.....
5 We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other. (despite)
.....
6 I got very wet in the rain. I had an umbrella. (even though)