

Exercise 1

Underline the correct words.

- 1 *Although/But* I like this company, I probably won't work here long.
- 2 *In spite of/Although* their shares are rising, their future is still uncertain.
- 3 Kate gave a good presentation, *although /despite* having very little time to prepare.
- 4 This year our earnings are close to \$8m, *while/still* last year they were just \$6m.
- 5 *Whereas/In spite of* these candidates all have an MBA, these other ones don't.
- 6 I read the book you suggested. I didn't enjoy it, *although /though*.
- 7 I didn't have much time, *but/whereas* I managed to visit the whole site.
- 8 Nowadays we have very few strikes, *but/whereas* ten years ago we had a lot.
- 9 We weren't sure whether to go ahead with the launch, but we did it *still/anyway*.
- 10 *Although/In spite of* the delay, we still arrived on time.
- 11 I didn't manage to close the deal, *although /whereas* I really tried.
- 12 *Although/ Whereas* their share price is falling at the moment, the company is still a good long-term investment.

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with one of these words or phrases: *although, anyway, but, in spite of, still, whereas*. Use each word or phrase once only.

- 1 Carol didn't recognise Mark Lerner, _____ she had met him before.
- 2 I don't like karaoke bars, _____ I went with my Japanese clients anyway.
- 3 I offered my best price, but they _____ didn't seem interested.
- 4 I think we'll have to change our suppliers. It's a pity, _____.
- 5 _____ the early problems, the project has been a great success.
- 6 Spain is a mature market, _____ in Portugal there is still room for growth.
- 7 We haven't got all the facts, but it's worth discussing it _____.

Exercise 4

Rewrite each pair of sentences using the words given. There are two ways each time.

1 It was raining. We got here on time.

- a) Although _____.
- b) Despite _____.

2 I had a headache. I still went to the meeting.

- a) In spite of _____.
- b) _____, but _____.

3 Some analysts think that stocks will fall in value. Others disagree.

- a) _____, whereas _____.
- b) Although _____.

4 There were difficulties in the negotiations. We won the contract.

- a) Despite _____.
- b) Even though _____.

5 Oil prices rose slightly last year. This year they have gone down.

a) Whereas _____ .
b) _____, although _____ .

6 I've written twice. I still haven't received a reply.

a) _____, yet _____ .
b) Despite _____ .

7 He didn't use any notes. He gave an excellent presentation.

a) Although _____ .
b) _____ . He _____ though.

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences with *as* or *like*, or put *as/like* if both are possible.

1 While I was at university I sometimes worked _____ a waiter.

2 The negotiations are going very slowly, _____ I expected.

3 Anna's so funny! She's _____ a comedian.

4 We'll send the order in two consignments, _____ we agreed in the meeting.

5 This crisis is not _____ the last one. It's worse!

6 I'm lucky. I have a small room at home that I use _____ my study.

7 You look just _____ your brother.

8 In a situation like this, you should do exactly _____ it says in the book.

Exercise 6

Underline the correct word/s in this dialogue.

JACK: Oh, hi, Pamela. Could you give me some advice?

PAMELA: Yeah, sure.

JACK: It's about my laptop. I use it a lot when I'm out of the office, (1) *so / like* I wanted to talk to you about saving my files ... I, er, don't want to lose everything if there's a problem.

PAMELA: Hmm. Do you back-up your files (2) *for / to* make sure your work is safe?

JACK: Oh yes. I have a small storage device that plugs into the USB port — it's (3) *as / like* a portable hard disk. And so if anyone stole my laptop it wouldn't be such a disaster (4) *because / for* I would still have all my files.

PAMELA: Well, that's OK then.

JACK: The problem is I often keep this device in the same place as my laptop (5) *for/so that* it's easy for me to find. And that's what worries me.

PAMELA: Oh?

JACK: Well, yes. It's easy for me to find, (6) *so /so that* it's easy for the thief too.

PAMELA: Ah, hah. It sounds (7) *as /as if* you're getting a little bit paranoid, Jack.

JACK: So, is there some kind of solution (8) *for/to* people (9) *as /like* me ... who are worried?

PAMELA: Do you use your laptop (10) *to /for* access the Internet?

JACK: Of course.

PAMELA: Well, (11) *not to worry /so as not to worry* about losing your files how about using on-line storage?

JACK: Um, what's that?

PAMELA: It works (12) *as /as if* a hard disk, (13) *as /like* your portable device, but it's an Internet site.

JACK: Oh.

PAMELA: You can upload files to the site whenever you want (14) *so that /like* they are there to download on another occasion. It could be with another computer. I use it all the time (15) *so that /to* keep copies of my most important files.

JACK: Ah, I see. That sounds (16) *as /like* a really good idea. Well, thanks a lot. I'll do that.