

Unit 14: LINKING EXPRESSIONS

Task 1: Complete the sentences with the following linking words.

EVEN THOUGH, IN CASE, BECAUSE OF, IN ORDER TO, NEVERTHELESS, SO THAT, SINCE, MOREOVER, DESPITE/INSPIE OF (2X), AS A RESULT OF /AFTER (2X)

- 1 The meal was satisfactory. _____, we've decided not to eat there again.
- 2 She does a fantastic job _____ recent personal problems.
- 3 The CEO called a press conference _____ explain the merger.
- 4 _____ complaining several times, he got a refund.
- 5 The course was cancelled _____ lack of interest.
- 6 I left work early _____ I could go to the doctor's.
- 7 He wrote a letter to the CEO. _____, he sent a copy to the press.
- 8 _____ sales fell a little in Japan, we had a reasonable year in the rest of Asia.
- 9 The marketing campaign was redesigned _____ a disastrous launch.
- 10 _____ the increase in prices, sales did not fall.
- 11 Consumers are advised to tighten their belts _____ economic conditions worsen.
- 12 I cannot join the event _____ I will attend a training course tomorrow night.

Task 2: Choose the correct options. The number of correct options is not given.

1. _____, we enjoyed our holiday.

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| A. In spite of the rain | B. Despite the rain |
| C. Although it rained alot | D. Despite raining a lot |
| E. Despite it rained a lot | F. In spite of the fact that it rained a lot |
| G. Despite the fact that it rained a lot | H. Although a lot of rain |
| I. Although raining a lot | J. Though raining a lot |
| K. Though it rained a lot | L. Even though it rained a lot |
| M. Even though raining a lot | N. Even raining a lot |

2. I couldn't sleep _____.

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| A. despite being tired | B. in spite of being tired |
| C. despite the fact that I was tired | D. in spite of the fact that I was tired |
| E. despite I was tired | F. in spite I was tired |
| G. although I was tired | H. even though I was tired |
| I. even if I was very tired | J. though I was very tired |

Task 3. Is there a difference between : *even if* and *even though*? Match letters and numbers.

- A. **Even though** Tom doesn't speak Spanish, I think he should still visit Madrid.
- B. **Even if** Tom doesn't speak Spanish, I think he should still visit Madrid.

1. Despite the fact that he doesn't speak Spanish (i.e. the speaker knows that Tom doesn't speak Spanish)

2. Whether or not he speaks Spanish (i.e. the speaker doesn't know definitely whether Tom speaks Spanish or not)

Task 4. Is there a difference between : *in case* and *if*? Match letters and numbers.

- A. We'll buy some more food *in case* Tom comes.
- B. We'll buy some more food *if* Tom comes.

1. Perhaps Tom will come; if he comes, we'll buy some more food; if he doesn't come, we won't buy any more food).
2. Perhaps Tom will come; we'll buy some more food now, whether he comes or not; then we'll *already* have the food *if* he comes.)

Task 5 *In case* or *if* ?

- i) Please take my phone number *in case/ if* you need to contact me.
- ii) You will find me in the hotel *in case / if* you need to talk to me.
- iii) You should insure your bicycle *in case/ if* it is stolen.
- iv) You should inform the police *in case / if* your bicycled is stolen.

Task 6 What does "in case of emergency" mean?

- A. if there is an emergency
- B. when there is an emergency

Task 6 Unless. As long as, provided/providing.

The club is for members only. You can't go in _____ you are member.

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| A. unless | B. except if |
| C. only if | D. if only |
| E. as long as | F. provided (that) |
| G. providing (that) | H. if |

*We don't use future tense after **unless / as long as / provided / providing.***

Choose the correct word:

1. You can use my car *unless / as long as* you drive carefully.
2. I'm playing tennis tomorrow *unless / providing* it's raining.
3. I'm playing tennis tomorrow *unless / providing* it's not raining.
4. I don't mind if you come in late *unless / as long as* you come in quietly.
5. I'm going now *unless / provided* you want me to stay.
6. I don't watch TV *unless / as long as* I've got nothing else to do.
7. Children are allowed to use the swimming pool *unless / provided* they are with an adult.
8. *Unless / Provided* they are with an adult, children are not allowed to use the swimming pool.
9. We can sit here in the corner *unless / as long as* you'd rather sit over there by the window.
10. Our holiday cost a lot of money. // Did it? Well, that doesn't matter *unless / as long as* you enjoyed yourselves.