

Exercise 1.

Choose the right alternative.

1. In spite / Despite the noise we managed to sleep.
2. Even so / Even though the plane took off late, we still reached our destination on time.
3. We moved quietly around the flat, so as not to / in order to wake the baby.
4. He had a terrible cold. Even so / Even though , he insisted on going swimming.
5. He looked at me as if / as although I were crazy.
6. Even if / Even though I became a millionaire, I would carry on working.
7. Egypt was so /such an interesting country that we plan to go back next year.
8. Since / Therefore it was getting dark she decided to take a taxi home.

Exercise 2.

Choose the right alternative.

1. We arrived late because of / due the traffic.
2. It was a lovely day. However / Although , we had to stay indoors and paint the living room.
3. Though / Even they were going on holiday for just a week she took two suitcases.
4. They found him guilty however / despite the fact there was very little evidence.
5. He would rather spend his money on CDs as / than on clothes.
6. The exam was really tough. He managed, despite / nevertheless , to come top of the class.
7. I'll go to the party as long / provided you go too.
8. I went to the party. It wasn't much fun, although / though.

Task 1.

Read the following paragraph and put each of the following linking words or phrases in the gaps.

<i>In contrast</i>	<i>At the same time</i>	<i>On the contrary</i>
<i>On the other hand</i>	<i>A case in point</i>	<i>Both</i> <i>Yet</i> <i>Furthermore</i>
<i>Unlike</i>	<i>an example of this</i>	<i>Despite/In spite of</i>

The McNuggets' menu is hardly an example of healthy eating. ¹ _____, it offers a choice of everything that should normally be avoided. The fishburger is particularly high in fat, with added salt and sugar. ² _____, the College refectory, whose menu was completely revised early this century, offers much more nutritious food. ³ _____, its kitchens and the way food is caught and prepared have been transformed by a revolutionary new chef. ⁴ _____, the decor and pretensions of the refectory are calculated to appeal to the serious academic rather than the six-year old child. ⁵ _____ it is not uncommon in McNuggets to enter a restaurant and find yourself in the middle of a large birthday party, with music, games and food out of all proportion to the number of partygoers. ⁶ _____ is the McBanquet offered to ten year olds: it caters for ten guests, has ten times too much food and lasts ten hours.

⁷ _____ McNuggets and the College refectory have undergone many changes since the millennium. Some say that College management completed the work started by the fast food chains in the last century by destroying what was left of the traditional English puddings. ⁸ _____, according to others the new in-house catering team has enhanced and extended the health value and interest of the lunch menu with their exciting new organic options. The Quorn and Vegetable Bake, served on Wednesdays, is ⁹ _____.

¹⁰ _____ McNuggets, the College refectory seems to have quietly and steadily transformed itself into an elegant, spacious and modern cafeteria, seamlessly combining ancient and modern. The cashier's desk at the far end of the servery is a perfect illustration of this point. ¹¹ _____ their differences, both eateries offer the hungry visitor much that is stimulating and should be visited at least once, if only for reflection and contrast, by all students of Education.