

# LINKING EXPRESSIONS

## Exercise 1

- 1. Amanda will get her birthday card in time, as long as / so long you send it today.
- 2. It looks as although / as though it's going to rain.
- 3. Nina left work early for / so she could go to the dentist.
- 4. In addition / besides to a spacious apartment in Manhattan, the family owns a house in the South of Spain.
- 5. It was so / such an awful film that many people left the cinema halfway through it.
- 6. They managed to win the match, as a result / even though they played really badly.
- 7. Schools and businesses stayed open yesterday despite / in spite the terrible weather.
- 8. Patrick did very well in most of his exams. Although / However, he failed his German exam and will have to take it again in September.

## Exercise 2

- 1. They are reducing bus and train fares in order / so as to encourage more people to use public transport.
- 2. Since / Therefore we have got an hour until the plane leaves, let's go for a coffee.
- 3. Even so / Even though Pamela is still at school she's already a bestselling novelist.
- 4. You can use my laptop computer, as long / provided you promise to take very good care of it.
- 5. Mrs Smith wants to go snorkelling in Florida this summer, however / whereas Mr Smith wants to go and play golf in Scotland.
- 6. As / Though Julian had the necessary qualifications, he didn't get the job.
- 7. The photography exhibition was a great success in the United States. The organizers have decided, so / therefore, to take the exhibition to the UK.
- 8. Studying a second language can be very good for your career. As well as / Furthermore, it can introduce you to fascinating cultures.

## Exercise 3

1 Polls show that Tony Blair is the most popular Prime Minister this century. \_\_\_\_\_, there are even members of his own party who are uneasy with his approach.

**In particular**                                    **However**                                    **For instance**

2 There are some slight variations in temperature, but \_\_\_\_\_ 26 to 27°C should be expected.  
**consequently**                                    **otherwise**                                    **as a rule**

3 The two main Channel Islands, \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey and Guernsey, are much closer to France than to England.  
**for example**                                    **namely**                                    **in particular**

4 It was announced that nurses' working hours would be increased by 25%. \_\_\_\_\_, even fewer trainee nurses are expected to join the profession.  
**As a result**                                    **So that**                                    **Likewise**

5 Sales of CDs have experienced a small but steady fall over the past 12 months. \_\_\_\_\_, vinyl records have seen an increase in their share of the market, up to 1.7%.  
**Above all**                                    **Correspondingly**                                    **In contrast**

6 The Vice Chancellor explained that in light of the current financial climate and because of unexpected bad debts, it would be necessary to peg salary levels at their current level for all grades of staff. \_\_\_\_\_, no-one was getting a pay rise.  
**Nevertheless**                                    **In other words**                                    **Similarly**

7 It is clear, therefore, that the situation in Brazil will improve only slowly. \_\_\_\_\_ the economic problems being experienced in Japan, the outlook is slightly more optimistic.  
**Furthermore**                                    **In comparison**                                    **With reference to**

8 In order to try to reduce car use in the inner cities, the government has announced new restrictions on company parking spaces and \_\_\_\_\_, a new tax on individual car use.  
**as well as**                                    **in addition**                                    **in the same way**

9 Essays must be handed in by the deadline, \_\_\_\_\_ they will not be marked.  
**obviously**                                    **otherwise**                                    **as a result**

10 \_\_\_\_\_ it has been shown that fractures can occur at even relatively low pressures, the use of the material should not be completely discounted.  
**Nevertheless**                                    **Because**                                    **Even though**

**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. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, it offers a choice of everything that should normally be avoided. The fishburger is particularly high in fat, with added salt and sugar. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the College refectory, whose menu was completely revised early this century, offers much more nutritious food. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, its kitchens and the way food is caught and prepared have been transformed by a revolutionary new chef. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the decor and pretensions of the refectory are calculated to appeal to the serious academic rather than the six-year old child. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is the McBanquet offered to ten year olds: it caters for ten guests, has ten times too much food and lasts ten hours.

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 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 <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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. <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.