

ENGLISH WORDS CONNECTORS

CONNECTORS FOR CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following sentences using *even if/ otherwise/ provided that/ whether...or.*

e.g. I have to go to work...*even if*... I'd rather stay home.

1. Children are allowed to enter.....they are with an adult.
2. I like hot weather.....I don't have to work.
3.it rains tomorrow, we will climb up to the top.
4. You can choose.....to come with me.....to stay here.
5. You have to study hard,you will fail the exam.
6. I will drive you to the station,you're ready in 5 minutes.
7. I still don't know.....I go abroad.....I spend a week at the seaside next Summer.
8. I won't help her.....she begs me.
9. You mustn't shout at her,she will start crying.

EXERCISE 2.

Rewrite each sentence so that you add *if only/ I wish* followed by a suitable verb tense.

e.g. I feel sick. I've eaten too much cake.

I wish I hadn't eaten so much cake.

1. John doesn't speak very clearly; that's why people don't understand him.
2. Those shoes are too expensive, so I'm not going to buy them.
3. It's too cold today, so I won't go out.
4. Mary has to work on Friday night, so she can't come to the party.
5. It's raining: we can't go to the park.

6. I wasn't able to leave on time because Paul couldn't give me a lift.

7. I went home by bus, but the traffic was very bad. I should have gone on foot: it would have been quicker.

8. I didn't know Mary was ill, so I didn't go to visit her.

9. I was thirsty, but I hadn't any money with me, so I couldn't buy anything.

10. I had to leave the party, I am so tired.

CONNECTORS – MODIFIERS

EXERCISE 1.

Read the following passage and fill in the gaps using the suitable linking words. Choose among the words in the box below:

*In my opinion As a matter of fact Secondly After all
Besides Therefore But First...secondly On the other hand*

John is very fond of Mary. Mary,.....*however...*, is in love with Peter., Mary's fancied him since they were at high-school.Mary asked him out for dinner on

Friday, but he turned her down. she decided to go to Paris for a week-end with her friend Jane.

....., they booked a fantastic suite in the most expensive hotel in town., they reserved a table in an amazing restaurant and had a full-course meal.

During the dinner, Jane gave Mary her point of view on Mary's love story with Peter.

“”, she said, “you'd better give up.John is so in love with you. Why don't you give him a chance?he's a very nice guy.”

“....., I don't give a damn about his feelings!” Mary replied “....., he's nothing but a pain in the neck to me”., he doesn't seem to pay attention to a word I say. I told him to leave me alone hundreds of times!”. “He may be

annoying sometimes”, Jane admitted, “he’s still such a gentleman! Do you remember when...”

“.....when he took me to the worst restaurant I’ve ever been to in all my life and,, made me pay the bill!”, was Mary’s reply “Yes, I do remember!, I’ll never forget this experience!”

EXERCISE 2.

Complete the following sentences using the suggested linking words.

E.g.: John’s made a lot of money. (therefore)

Therefore, he can afford whatever he wants.

1. I don't like her. (In my view)

2. Mary's so lazy. (However)

3. We should plan out trip in details. (First of all...secondly...,lastly)

4. He's such a pleasant man. (Besides)

5. I don't know him. (Actually)

6. I don't believe the story about Paul hitting his wife. (After all)

7. They failed the exam. (As a result)

8. It was a great film. (Anyway)

9. She was born in London. (Therefore)

10. That's a fantastic idea. (But)

LINK WORDS TO EXPRESS CONTRAST

EXERCISE 1.

Rewrite the sentences using the given link word.

E.g It rained all day. We went to the football match. (Despite)

Despite the rain, we went to the football match.

1. The doctor told me to stop smoking. I still smoke two packets a day. (Although)

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2. Nobody in my house watches television. We have a T.V. in every room at home. (Even though)

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3. I don't know anything about cars. I'm going to become a mechanic. (However)

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4. I'm an only child. My parents don't spoil me. (Although)

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5. My girlfriend left me for another man. I still love her. (In spite of)

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6. I've never been to America. I'm sure I wouldn't like it. (Even though)

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7. I haven't studied for the exam. I'm going to pass. (However)

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8. I love this city. I want to leave so I can see the world. (But)

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9. I eat chocolate everyday. I'm supposed to be on a diet. (In spite of)

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10. Although I am a Chelsea supporter, I think that Manchester United will win the Championship. (Despite)

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11. I think dogs are the best pets to have despite not having one. (However)

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12. Rome may be the Capital of Italy but many people consider Milan to be more important. (In spite of)

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13. Even though I was the best student in the class, I didn't get the highest marks in the exam. (Despite)

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14. Despite the fact that I woke up late, I was still on time for work. (However)

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CLAUSES OF REASON

EXERCISE 1.

Link the two sentences (CAUSE and CONSEQUENCE) to form a clause of reason using the conjunctions AS, SINCE or BECAUSE

e.g. I've put on a few kilos over Christmas (CAUSE). I'm trying to lose some weight at the moment (CONSEQUENCE).

I'm trying to lose some weight at the moment because I've put on a few kilos over Christmas.

1. You have come to see me. You might as well help me in the kitchen.
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2. I have arranged to go to a restaurant with my boyfriend. I'm not coming to the cinema.

3. You have been working on your computer all day long.
Your eyes are red.

4. You said you were free. I have cancelled my business dinner.

5. I have broken my leg. I can't walk.

6. John doesn't love me anymore. I'm going to look for a new boyfriend.

EXERCISE 2.

Complete the following sentences adding the missing part

(either the cause or the consequence). Use the phrases in the box.

HE LEFT HER	I'LL RESIGN NOW	BECAUSE I CAN'T SWIM
I DON'T LOOK AFTER THEM AS I USED TO	I CAN'T BUY THAT DRESS	BECAUSE I HAVEN'T PASSED MY EXAM

e.g. Since my children are nearly adults now,

*Since my children are nearly adults now, I don't look after them
as I used to.*

1. I am very sad today

1. As you think I'm not good enough for this job,

2. I don't want to go to the sea side

3. _____ because I
haven't got any money.

4. As he discovered that she was cheating on him,
