

EXERCISES ON LINKERS.

1. REWRITE THESE SENTENCES USING THE WORDS GIVEN IN BRACKETS.

- a. Although the rain was falling heavily, they continued with the football match. (in spite of)
- b. Grandma cannot hear what you say because she is very deaf. (so.....that)
- c. She was such a tall girl that I found it difficult to dance with her. (so.....that)
- d. Many rivers have burst their banks because there has been a heavy rainfall. (because of)
- e. The driver instructor took Dan onto the main road because he wanted him to get experience in high speed driving. (so that)
- f. We couldn't go to the concert because the tickets were too expensive. (since)
- g. In spite of the difficulty of the questions, he answered them all. (although)
- h. I've told you this story because I don't want you to forget the old days. (so that)
- i. He is so energetic that he never looks tired. (such)
- j. As there were a lot of people, they had to open all the doors. (so many)
- k. Although we had revised everything a hundred times, everything went wrong. (despite)
- l. He left home early because he was afraid of missing the plane. (so as)
- m. Some people enjoy city life. Others prefer the quiet of the country. (whereas)
- n. Everybody stayed near the fire since the day was very cold. (because of)

1. Although she was an expert swimmer, she drowned. (in spite of)
2. The school was closed down due to low inscription. (Because)
- 3 Helen went to the market so that she could buy some vegetables. (in order)
- 4 The match was cancelled because it was raining. (due to)
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- 5 Despite having a terrible headache, he went to the office. (although)
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- 6 He loves going to the theatre while his wife prefers to stay at home. (in contrast to)
- 7 I sat by the window in order to see the landscape. (so that)
- 8 As well as being an excellent painter, she writes poems and plays the piano.
(Moreover)
- 9 Although Ann isn't very attractive, she is very popular. (However)
- 10 Seeing that we'd run out of milk, we went to the supermarket. (as)
11. Contrary to my neighbours, I don't like using the lift. (whereas)
- 12.As well as renewing the kitchen, she redecorated her bedroom. (In addition,)
- 13.Although the city has a 50 kph limit, people are often fined for exceeding the speed limit. (Therefore)
- 14.Many sportsmen are disqualified as a consequence of their illegal use of drugs.
(consequently)
15. John won the race. Nevertheless, he didn't feel happy. (despite)
16. We need to increase sales. Therefore, we'll start a new advertising campaign.
(seeing that)
17. Although he was a millionaire, he behaved as an ordinary man. (YET)
18. Since you are her elder brother, you must take care of her. (BECAUSE)
19. She's an excellent secretary. However, she has never been promoted. (despite)
20. She opened the car window so that she could get some fresh air. (to)
21. I opened the window due to the heat. (BECAUSE)
22. We didn't go swimming because the water was very dirty. (so.....that)
23. The government passed a new law in order to control terrorism. (so that)
- 24.Despite having some problems, she finally passed the test. (even though)

- 25 I enjoy going to the beach. My husband does not. (while)
- 26 As a consequence of his father's illness, he couldn't go to work. (As a result)
- 27 Although he was an excellent student, he didn't get the grant. (Nevertheless)
- 28 They lost the match due to the bad weather. (as a result of)
- 29 Although she wasn't hungry, she ate a few biscuits. (in spite of)
- 30 She missed the bus so she had to take a taxi. (since)
- 31 Although she was very intelligent, she pretended not to understand. (but)
- 32 In addition to buying a new coat for his wife, he bought himself a cardigan.
(besides)
- 33 Sheila went to the garage to have her car serviced. (so that)
- 34 He broke his left hand as a result of a skiing accident. (due to)
- 35 I like Harry Potter's books. My brother does not. (contrary to)
- 36 She didn't telephone John because she didn't have his number. (so)
- 37 Although he had excellent qualifications he didn't get the job. (YET)
- 38 They got lost in London because they didn't have a street map. (as)
- 39 Although she was very tired, she kept on working. (DESPITE)
40. She lost her purse, so she went to the police station. (BECAUSE)

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