



Mountain marathon goes ahead despite worst July weather in ten years.

In spite of repeated warnings of bad weather, the annual mountain marathon went ahead as planned. While the competitors struggled round the course, torrential rain fell continuously. Consequently, more than half of the runners failed to finish the course. Nevertheless, the winner, Matthew Goldy of Bethesda, managed to complete the race in a little over two hours 40 minutes, and set a new course record.

Presentation

Linking words show the relationship between ideas in a sentence or between sentences.

Conjunctions

Use conjunctions to link two clauses together into one sentence: *He completed the race **and** set a new record.*

Some conjunctions can go either at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence:

***Although** there had been warnings of bad weather, the annual marathon went ahead.*

*The annual marathon went ahead **even though** there had been warnings of bad weather.*

Adverbs and adverbial phrases

Use adverbs and adverbial phrases to link ideas. We use an adverb in a new sentence or clause.

*There was torrential rain. **Consequently**, more than half of the runners failed to finish.*

*There was torrential rain **and consequently** more than half of the runners failed to finish.*

Prepositions and prepositional phrases

We use prepositions and prepositional phrases before an *-ing* form or a noun phrase.

***In spite of** repeated warnings of bad weather, the marathon went ahead.*

We often use a clause after a preposition or prepositional phrase by adding *the fact that* to the beginning of it.

*The race went ahead, **despite the fact that** there had been warnings of bad weather.*

| | Conjunctions | Adverbs | Prepositions |
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| Contrasting ideas | <i>although, but, even though, yet</i> | <i>however, nevertheless</i> | <i>despite, in spite of</i> |
| Adding ideas | <i>and</i> | <i>moreover, what's more, in addition</i> | <i>as well as, in addition to</i> |
| Stating a reason or result | <i>as, because, since, so</i> | <i>consequently, as a result</i> | <i>because of, as a result of, on account of, owing to</i> |
| Showing the order | <i>After, when, while</i> | <i>afterwards, subsequently</i> | <i>after, following</i> |

Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Add commas where necessary.

- Although
1 He fell once or twice before reaching the finishing line, he still completed the race. (although)
- 2 We really enjoyed our holidays the awful weather. (despite)
- 3 I felt really tired the next morning I'd had a good night's sleep. (even though)
- 4 The fact that more than half of the runners didn't actually complete the race it was a huge success. (in spite of)
- 5 You left, it's been very quiet. (since)
- 6 The sun came out and the beach was packed. (consequently)
- 7 The accident, there was a police investigation. (following)
- 8 I met some friends I finished work. (after)
- 9 The job's well paid, and I get long holidays (what's more)
- 10 Buying this coat, I bought these shoes. (as well as)

2 Choose the correct connector. Then listen and check.

SURPRISE VICTORY FOR CITY

Fans were celebrating last night after City beat United 4-0 ¹*despite / although* missing some of their key players.

FAMILY CAUGHT IN SUMMER STORM

A family of five were rescued by coastguards yesterday off the coast of Pembroke. The Davis family had insisted on taking their boat out, ²*in spite of / even though* they had been given repeated warnings about the possibility of a summer storm.

ELECTION RESULTS QUESTIONED AMID FEARS OF CORRUPTION

³*Although / Despite* the fact that the election met all legal and democratic requirements, the main opposition party has called for an international enquiry.

REFERENDUM RULED OUT

The government has confirmed that it will not hold a referendum ⁴*despite / even though* strong popular support.

3 Complete the sentences with these linking words.

moreover because of as a result when since subsequently yet as well as

- 1 Unlike lots of people, I love salad. it's good for you!
- 2 My son is in a karate club playing football at weekends.
- 3 I want to move house the noise from the main road outside.
- 4 they closed the cinema, there's been nowhere to go out.
- 5 We ran away we saw the teacher coming!
- 6 I injured myself quite badly while running a marathon. I stopped running altogether.
- 7 The winner had been in hospital a month earlier, and, she still won the race.
- 8 of the many years you have worked here, we'd like to give you this leaving present.