



Mr Jones finished his breakfast and decided to walk to the picturesque old port **so as to** take some more pictures of it for his collection. However, a few minutes after he had left the hotel, it started to rain heavily. He didn't have an umbrella, so he wondered if he should change his plans **because of** the heavy rain. **Despite** the bad weather, he kept on walking, keeping his camera in his sack **so that** it didn't get wet. He really wanted to take those pictures before he left!

A. Clauses of Reason

- **Clauses of Reason** express the reason for something. They are introduced with **because, as** and **since**.

I tiptoed into the living room as I didn't want to disturb my grandfather.

note

To express reason we can also use:

because of / due to + -ing form or **noun/the fact + that clause**

Due to the fact that sales have been falling this year, we won't be able to take on any more staff.

B. Clauses of Concession

- **Clauses of Concession** express contrast or opposition to the main clause. They are introduced with **although, even though, though, in spite of, despite, but, while, whereas**, etc. When the clause of concession comes before the main clause, the two clauses are separated by a comma.

Although I slept for eight hours last night, I'm still tired.

He refused to eat even though he was hungry.

Clauses of Concession are formed in the following ways:

- **although / even though / though* + subject + verb**

Although/Even though/Though he hadn't studied hard, he managed to pass the exam.

- **in spite of / despite + noun/-ing form**

The pilot managed to land the plane safely despite/in spite of the heavy rain.

In spite of/Despite not feeling well, he came to work this morning.

- **in spite of / despite + the fact + that-clause**

He went to their wedding despite/in spite of the fact that he had not been invited.

- **but / while / whereas + subject + verb**

I like travelling by plane, but/while/whereas my sister doesn't.

note

***Though** is used in spoken English and it can be placed at the beginning or at the end of the sentence.

C. Clauses of Purpose

Clauses of Purpose express the purpose of an action.

Purpose is expressed with:	Examples
• so as (not) to + infinitive:	<i>I walked quietly so as not to wake her up.</i>
• in order (not) to + infinitive:	<i>I went shopping in order to buy some presents for my family.</i>
• so that + will / may / can , when the verb of the main clause is in a present or future tense:	<i>I've given him my car keys so that he can take my car to the garage.</i>
• so that + would / might / could , when the verb of the main clause is in a past tense:	<i>They left home early so that they would be at the station on time.</i>

Grammar Practice

A Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1. Dean has a university degree, but he can't find a job.

although _____

2. Even though it was raining, we went jogging.

despite _____

3. Although Danny loves horses, he has never tried horse riding.

but _____

4. It was getting dark, but they went for a swim.

although _____

5. In spite of the fact that I was wearing a seat belt, I got injured.

despite _____

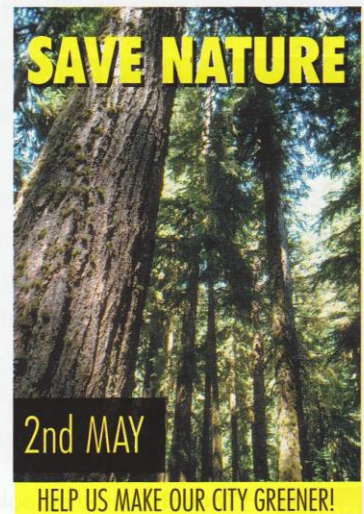
6. He works long hours, but he doesn't earn a lot of money.

spite _____

B Circle the correct words.

Paul and Dennis have organised a 'Save Nature' group (1) **in order to** / **so that** plant more trees in their city. Yesterday, they went to the Town Hall to ask for permission (2) **so that won't** / **so as not to** get into trouble. Everybody in the Town Hall liked their plan and even gave them some money (3) **so that** / **so as to** they could buy some trees. They also went to an expert (4) **so as to** / **so that** ask which trees would survive best in the environment of their city.

So, now the 'Save Nature' group is ready to move on with their plan. They've decided to plant the trees on a weekday (5) **in order to** / **so that** more people driving past will stop to see what is going on. Paul and Dennis believe that people will offer their help (6) **so as not to** / **in order not** miss an opportunity to do something good for their city.



C Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

- Alice walked in quietly _____ wake up the baby.
a. so that she would b. so as to c. in order not to
- All flights were delayed _____ the storm yesterday evening.
a. since b. because of c. as
- _____ she was tired, she kept walking.
a. Although b. In spite of c. Despite
- We will phone him _____ he will be informed about the meeting.
a. as b. in order to c. so that
- _____ I don't know how to use this machine, I'll call him.
a. Because of b. As c. Due to
- Jerry didn't eat anything _____ feeling hungry.
a. despite b. even though c. in spite of the fact
- I love cycling _____ my best friend doesn't.
a. due to b. whereas c. in spite
- They refused to take the money _____ they needed it.
a. despite b. in spite of c. even though

D Expand the notes into sentences using the words given.

- It / be / my son's / graduation / tomorrow / I / make / cake

as _____

- Brian / be / patient / he / hate / wait / in queues

even though _____

- Yesterday / they / go / shopping / buy / new clothes

in order to _____

- Heavy traffic / my parents / reach / airport / on time

despite _____

- They / leave / home / early / tomorrow / they / not be / late

so that _____

- I / do / the housework / at the moment / my mother / be / ill

because _____



