

Sentence connectors exercise

Complete following sentences using an appropriate connecting word.

1. Alice seems to be quite intelligent;
....., she often gets poor grades.

- whereas
- otherwise
- nonetheless

2. This restaurant has some of the best chefs in
the town. their service is excellent.

- In addition to
- beside
- moreover

3. I've never been to the US
having friends and relatives there.

- although
- however
- in spite of

4. He is a reckless driver;, he
hasn't had any accidents.

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even as
although
even so

5. My sister works three jobs in a day;
..... , she doesn't earn much money.

however
even as
moreover

6. We went out the cold weather.

despite
although
besides

7. I tried to look happy feeling
miserable.

although
in spite of
however

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Answers

1. Alice seems quite intelligent; nonetheless, she often gets poor grades. (Nonetheless is used to connect two contrasting ideas.)
2. This restaurant has some of the best chefs in the town. Moreover, their service is excellent.
3. I've never been to the US in spite of having friends and relatives there.
4. He is a reckless driver; even so, he hasn't had any accidents.
5. My sister works three jobs in a day; however, she doesn't earn much money.
6. We went out despite the cold weather.
7. I tried to look happy in spite of feeling miserable.

Notes

Many connectors having similar meanings are followed by different structures. For example, despite and in spite of are followed by a noun phrase or an -ing form.

I went to work in spite of feeling ill. (in spite of + -ing)

I went out despite the heavy rains. (despite + noun)

In spite of and despite are prepositions. They cannot be directly followed by a clause. Hence we use the phrase 'the fact that' before a clause.

I went to work in spite of the fact that I was feeling ill.