

Sentence synthesis exercise

Ways of combining two or more simple sentences into one simple sentence

By using a preposition + noun / gerund

Study the following sentences.

She had many shortcomings. But she was a nice woman.

In spite of having many shortcomings, she was a nice woman.

Tagore was a great poet. He was a good painter.

Besides being a great poet, Tagore was a good painter.

By using an adverb or adverbial phrase

He will win the first prize. That is certain.

He will certainly win the first prize.

They decided to start a business. All agreed to this.

They unanimously decided to start a business.

Exercise

Complete the following sentences.

1. many shortcomings,
she was a nice woman.

In spite of having

Despite of having

Although having

2. a great poet, Tagore
was a good painter.

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Besides being
Besides
Besides having been

3. a jackpot, he built a big mansion.

Winning
Won
Having won

4. on tip-toe, he reached for the apple.

Standing
Stood
Being standing

5. The rain we continued our journey.

stopping
having stopped
stopped

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6. James is going to the US
higher education.

- to pursue
- to pursuing
- for pursuing

7. a great conqueror,
Caesar failed to unite the various conquered
territories into a well-knit empire.

- Despite been
- Despite being
- Despite of being

Answers

In spite of having many shortcomings, she was a nice woman.

Besides being a great poet, Tagore was a good painter.

Having won a jackpot, he built a big mansion.

Standing on tip-toe, he reached for the apple.

The rain having stopped we continued our journey.

James is going to the US to pursue higher education.

Despite being a great conqueror, Caesar failed to unite the various conquered territories into a well-knit empire.