Connectors: link your ideas

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. ___ it was raining, we walked to class.

Despite / Although / Because of

My answer: _____

2. We stayed inside ___ the heavy rain.

because / although / because of

My answer: _____

3. The room was full. ___, we moved downstairs.

Therefore / Although / Despite

My answer: _____

4. ___ feeling nervous, she gave a clear presentation.

Although / Despite / Because

My answer: _____

5. I checked the instructions ___ I wanted to avoid mistakes.

because / despite / however

My answer: _____

6. ___ it was raining, we went for a walk.

Because of / Although / Despite

My answer: _____

7. ___ the rain, we went for a walk.

Despite / Although / Even though

My answer: _____

8. I saved my work ___ I would not lose it.

because of / despite / so that

My answer: _____

9. The bus was late. ___, we missed the opening.

Despite / As a result / Although

My answer: _____

10. Choose the complete contrast sentence.

The task was difficult, but we finished it. / The task was difficult, despite we finished it. / The task was difficult, although.

My answer: _____

Answer key & explanations

1. **Although** — Although can introduce the full clause it was raining.

2. **because of** — Because of is followed by the noun phrase the heavy rain.

3. **Therefore** — Moving downstairs was the result of the room being full.

4. **Despite** — Despite can be followed by an -ing form.

5. **because** — Because connects the action to its reason.

6. **Although** — Although introduces a clause with a subject and verb. Despite and because of normally introduce noun phrases here.

7. **Despite** — Despite can introduce the noun phrase the rain.

8. **so that** — So that introduces the purpose of saving the work.

9. **As a result** — As a result links a cause with its consequence and can begin a new sentence.

10. **The task was difficult, but we finished it.** — But joins two complete contrasting clauses. Despite cannot introduce we finished it in this form.