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B2 CONNECTORS ≈ 27 MIN

Connectors of Result and Concession — *practice on paper*

You know the formal connectors; now reinforce result, concession, and side-by-side contrast with fresh business examples.

Result : therefore, thus, as a result, so that. **Concession** : despite plus noun/gerund; even though plus clause.

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YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT BY RELATIONSHIP · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. The left column presents a result; the right column presents an obstacle or direct comparison.

As a result, the launch moved.
Therefore, we revised the quote.
Thus, the pilot ended early.
We changed scope so that costs fell.
Demand dropped; therefore, output fell.
Despite the late shipment, sales rose.
In spite of waiting, we secured approval.
Although capacity was limited, we grew.
Even though talks stalled, both sides returned.
Whereas sales rose, margins remained flat.

RESULT	CONCESSION / CONTRAST

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE WITH THE RIGHT CONNECTOR · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete the connector. Identify the relationship first, then check whether a noun, gerund, or full clause follows.

01 Use the shortest formal connector: The forecast weakened; _____ , volume fell.
02 We added a second reviewer _____ errors would fall.
03 Use the one-word preposition: _____ the revised estimate, the client proceeded.
04 In spite of _____ two permits, the site opened. (lack)
05 Use the stronger concession: _____ the deadline was tight, the team tested twice.
06 Use explicit comparison: Revenue climbed, _____ operating costs also rose.
07 _____ the fact that transport costs rose, the order stayed profitable.
08 Use the three-word result phrase: The vendor missed the cutoff. _____ , dispatch moved Monday.

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE CONNECTOR PATTERN · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one error in connector or complement. Rewrite the complete sentence correctly.

01 Despite of the extra checks, we shipped Friday.

02 In spite the lower forecast, hiring continued.

03 Despite that demand fell, the site remained open.

04 Even though the serious delay, the team finished.

05 The north branch grew, despite the south branch shrank.

06 Demand rose; so that, we added capacity.

BRICK 4 · CONNECT A BUSINESS REPORT · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence or mini-paragraph for each prompt. Vary full clauses, nouns, and gerunds.

01 Result chain: state a cost development and use therefore to derive a decision from it.

02 Purpose: use so that to explain why your team introduced an extra review step.

03 Concession: express the same obstacle once with despite plus a noun and once with even though plus a clause.

04 Comparison: use whereas or contrastive while to compare two figures without claiming causation.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I distinguish result, concession, and direct comparison.
- [ ] I use despite without of, but keep of in in spite of.
- [ ] I use even though, although, or despite the fact that before full clauses.
- [ ] I distinguish so that for purpose or result from therefore for a conclusion.

Unsure? Underline the connector's complement first, then try the sheet again.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 As a result, the launch moved.
Result: as a result.

02 Therefore, we revised the quote.
Result: therefore.

03 Thus, the pilot ended early.
Result: thus.

04 We changed scope so that costs fell.
Result: so that + clause.

05 Demand dropped; therefore, output fell.
Result: cause + therefore.

06 Despite the late shipment, sales rose.
Concession / contrast: despite + noun.

07 In spite of waiting, we secured approval.
Concession / contrast: in spite of + -ing.

08 Although capacity was limited, we grew.
Concession / contrast: although + clause.

09 Even though talks stalled, both sides returned.
Concession / contrast: even though + clause.

10 Whereas sales rose, margins remained flat.
Concession / contrast: whereas + comparison.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The forecast weakened; **thus**, volume fell.
Result, formal: shortest thus.

02 We added a reviewer **so that** errors would fall.
Purpose: so that + result clause.

03 **Despite** the revised estimate, the client proceeded.
Concession: despite + noun.

04 In spite of **lacking** two permits, the site opened.
Complement: in spite of + -ing.

05 **Even though** the deadline was tight, we tested twice.
Emphasis: even though + clause.

06 Revenue climbed, **whereas** costs rose.
Comparison: whereas + two clauses.

07 **Despite** the fact that transport costs rose, the order stayed profitable.
Clause rule: despite the fact that.

08 Cutoff missed. **As a result**, dispatch moved.
Result: as a result.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **Despite** the extra checks, we shipped.
Despite rule: no of.

02 **In spite of** the forecast, hiring continued.
In-spite-of rule: keep of.

03 **Despite the fact that** demand fell, we stayed open.
Clause rule: fact that + clause.

04 **Even though the delay was serious**, we finished.
Clause rule: even though + subject/verb.

05 North grew, **whereas** south shrank.
Comparison: whereas + two clauses.

06 Demand rose; **therefore**, we added capacity.
Result: increase + therefore.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Check relation, complement, and structure.

01 Storage costs increased; **therefore, we consolidated two sites**.
Result: costs + therefore.

02 We introduced peer review **so that every estimate would receive a second check**.
Purpose: so that + result clause.

03 **Despite the short notice**, attendance was high. **Even though notice was short**, attendance was high.
Concession: despite + noun; even though + clause.

04 Online revenue increased, **whereas store revenue remained stable**.
Comparison: whereas + two figures.

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