

## Linking Expressions Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate linking expression.

1. I think we will win the match. We have got the best players. ...., our coach is fantastic.

All the same

Nevertheless

Moreover

2. He was hired ..... the fact that he had very little experience.

even though

despite

even if

3. Many people are successful in their careers ..... the fact that they do not have a university degree.

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although

even though

in spite of

4. .... theoretical knowledge can be acquired from books, skills must be gained through practice.

Even as

Even so

Whereas

5. Train accidents are rare, but, ....., there should be stricter safety regulations.

even as

even if

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even so

even though

6. He lost the game but he has improved a lot

.....

despite

whereas

nonetheless

7. The rehabilitation program has saved thousands of children who would  
..... have died in the famine.

instead

unless

otherwise

despite

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8. She didn't allow the setbacks to discourage her. ...., she began to work twice as hard.

On the other hand

On the contrary

In fact

Nevertheless

9. Exposure to sunlight will spoil wine; ..... wine bottles are made of yellow or green glass.

as

then

hence

in most cases

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10. The house was quiet .....  
the noise of Mary typing.

except

except for

Either could be used here

11. .... we have already  
discussed the dangers of smoking, I think the  
information bears being repeated.

Although

Despite

Even as

As

12. I hardly knew anybody at the party  
..... Peter and William.

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except

besides

apart from

All of the above

## Answers

1. I think we will win the match. We have got the best players. Moreover, our coach is fantastic.
2. He was hired despite the fact that he had very little experience.
3. Many people are successful in their careers in spite of the fact that they do not have a university degree.
4. Whereas theoretical knowledge can be acquired from books, skills must be gained through practice.
5. Train accidents are rare, but, even so, there should be stricter safety regulations.
6. He lost the game but he has improved a lot nonetheless.
7. The rehabilitation program has saved thousands of children who would otherwise have died in the famine.
8. She didn't allow the setbacks to discourage her. On the contrary, she began to work twice as hard.
9. Exposure to sunlight will spoil wine; hence wine bottles are made of yellow or green glass.
10. The house was quiet except for the noise of Mary typing.
11. Although we have already discussed the dangers of smoking, I think the information bears being repeated.
12. I hardly knew anybody at the party except / besides / apart from Peter and William.