

Practice

A

B In spite of and although (4)

- Complete each sentence with **but** and one of these clauses:
- 1 I dropped the dish, but it didn't break.
 - 2 Emma was offered a job,
 - 3 The house looks old,
 - 4 It didn't break, it's really quite modern, no one laughed, she turned it down.
 - 5 The joke was funny.

B

C But, although, however, even though, in spite of, and despite (1–4)

- Complete the report by putting in the correct linking words. There is always more than one possible answer.
- 1 My sister got the job, **although** she didn't expect to.
 - 2 Daniel forgot his passport.
 - 3 It was sunny, it was quite a cold day.
 - 4 The goods were never delivered.
 - 5 Henry asked Claire to marry him.
- C But, although, however, even though, in spite of, and despite (1–4)**
- Although the ground was very wet, it was decided to go ahead with United's game against City. United were 1–0 winners (1). They just couldn't score. (4) they lost, they fans gave them a big cheer.
- ▶ Although the ground was very wet, it was decided to go ahead with United's game against City. United were 1–0 winners (1). Not playing very well, they lost, they fans gave them a big cheer.

D

D Although, even though, in spite of and despite (1–4)

- Join each pair of sentences. Be careful where you put the words in brackets.
- 1 Nick used to smoke. He seems to be in good health. (**although**)
 - 2 Trevor didn't notice the sign. It was right in front of him. (**even though**)
 - 3 Matthew doesn't know any French. It was one of his school subjects. (**although**)
 - 4 Henry's friend is a millionaire. He hates spending money. (**despite**)
 - 5 We couldn't get tickets. We queued for an hour. (**in spite of**)

E

E Whereas, on the other hand, in spite of and although (4–5)

- Put one of the linking words into each of these sentences.
- 1 I always spend money when I have it. My brother, **all the noise**, is very careful.
 - 2 I managed to do some studying **in London** no one speaks to you.
 - 3 People are friendly in the North, **in London** no one speaks to you.
- ▶ Although it was rush-hour time, the roads weren't at all busy.