



Clauses for Contrast and Purpose: Explanation and Worksheet

1. Clauses of Purpose

- **So as to / In order to**

These connectors show the purpose or intention behind an action. Both are formal and often used in written English.

- *Examples*

- She studied hard **so as to** pass the exam.
 - They are working overtime **in order to** finish the project.

- **To**

A simpler, less formal way to show purpose.

- *Example*

- I went to the library **to** study.

- **For**

This is used to indicate the purpose of a noun, not a verb.

- *Example*

- This tool is **for** cutting wood.

- **So that**

This phrase connects two clauses and shows the result or purpose of an action.

- *Example*

- She left early **so that** she could catch the train.

2. Clauses of Contrast

- **Although / Even though / Though**

These are used to show contrast between two ideas, where the second clause is surprising in relation to the first. They can be used interchangeably.

- *Examples*

- **Although** it was raining, we went for a walk.
 - **Even though** he was tired, he continued working.

- **However / But**

These words are used to show contrast between two clauses. "However" is used more formally, and "but" is used more informally.

- *Examples*

- She was very tired. **However**, she finished the project.
 - She was tired, **but** she finished the project.

- **Despite / In spite of**

These are used to show contrast, followed by a noun or a gerund (-ing form).

- *Examples*

- **Despite** the rain, we went hiking.
 - **In spite of** being sick, he went to work.



Worksheet on Clauses for Contrast and Purpose

Part 1: Fill in the Blank

Complete the sentence with the correct connector for contrast or purpose.

1. She moved to the city _____ find a better job.
2. _____ the cold weather, they still went to the beach.
3. I went to the store _____ buy some milk.
4. We're saving money _____ we can go on vacation.
5. They finished the project on time, _____ having many technical issues.
6. She studied a lot _____ she could pass the exam.
7. _____ it was expensive, they bought the house.
8. They used the meeting room _____ discuss the new proposal.
9. He brought an umbrella _____ it was sunny outside.
10. _____ the bad traffic, we arrived on time.

Part 2: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct connector to complete the sentence.

11. They arrived at the party late _____ the heavy rain.
a) although
b) despite
c) in order to
12. He left the meeting early _____ avoid traffic.
a) so that
b) but
c) so as to
13. She called him three times, _____ he didn't answer the phone.
a) so that
b) but
c) despite
14. They studied for two entire weeks _____ they could pass the exam.
a) so that
b) in spite of
c) even though



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15. _____ he was feeling unwell, he still went to the gym and worked out.
 - a) In order to
 - b) However
 - c) Even though

16. I worked all weekend _____ finish the report. I drank so much coffee!
 - a) so that
 - b) in order to
 - c) but

17. She finished her work on time _____ the distractions in the office.
 - a) so as to
 - b) but
 - c) despite

18. They had to postpone the meeting _____ some members were absent.
 - a) because
 - b) even though
 - c) in order to

19. He prepared everything _____ the guests arrived.
 - a) before
 - b) so that
 - c) despite

20. We're planning to visit the museum _____ it's closed on Sundays.
 - a) although
 - b) but
 - c) so that

Part 3: Sentence Transformation

Rewrite the sentences, using the words in brackets.

21. They worked hard. They didn't finish on time. (but)
22. It was raining. We went for a walk. (in spite of)
23. She studied very hard. She passed the test. (so that)
24. I exercised every day. I didn't lose weight. (although)
25. He left early. He wanted to catch the train. (so as to)



Suggested Answers

Part 1: Fill in the Blank

1. She moved to the city *to/in order to* find a better job.
2. *Despite/In spite of* the cold weather, they still went to the beach.
3. I went to the store *to/in order to* buy some milk.
4. We're saving money *so that* we can go on vacation.
5. They finished the project on time, *despite/in spite of* having many technical issues.
6. She studied a lot *so that* she could pass the exam.
7. *Although/Even though/Though* it was expensive, they bought the house.
8. They used the meeting room *to/in order to* discuss the new proposal.
9. He brought an umbrella *although/even though/though* it was sunny outside.
10. *Despite/In spite of* the bad traffic, we arrived on time.

Part 2: Multiple Choice

11. b) *despite*
12. c) *so as to*
13. b) *but*
14. a) *so that*
15. c) *Even though*
16. b) *in order to*
17. c) *despite*
18. b) *even though*
19. b) *so that*
20. a) *although*

Part 3: Sentence Transformation

21. They worked hard, *but* they didn't finish on time.
22. *In spite of* the rain, we went for a walk.
23. She studied very hard *so that* she passed the test.
24. *Although* I exercised every day, I didn't lose weight.
25. He left early *so as to* catch the train.