## Solutions

**Link words**

**1. In the following exercise you must choose the correct option.**

1. We were all confident **c) despite** the bad news.
2. **d) Since** they had studied a lot, they passed the exam
3. I tried hard. I didn't, **a) however**, succeed.
4. I'll drink the wine **b) unless** someone else wants it.
5. I went to the party **b) although** I was really tired.
6. **c) in addition to** programming in machine language, she also plays tennis.
7. The economy is organized **c) so that** the poor must give to the rich.
8. They couldn't operate **d) because** the doctor was ill.

2. **In the following exercise you must decide whether the sentences are well-formed sentences in English, if they are not, make the necessary changes so they become correct.**

1. We arrived on time despite the heavy traffic.✓
2. Although I was angry, I didn't say anything. ✓
3. In spite of that I was ill, I went to work. x Although I was ill, In spite of the fact that I was ill
4. Unlike Windows, Linux works. ✓
5. She was tired due to she had been working too hard. x ...because/as/since she had been working ...
6. Before of quitting the program, save all your work. x Before quitting .....
7. While his speech, I fell asleep. x While he was speaking/During his speech
8. Although the fact that I was tired, I went to the party. x Although I was ired
9. I had a headache. Although I went to the party. x However I went to ....
10. She'll solve the problem however difficult it is. ✓

**3. Rewrite the sentences with the new beginnings.**

1. **Despite the fact that** it was elegant, the solution did not work.

**Despite** be**ing** elegant, **+ clause**.

**Despite** its elegance, …

2. **While** he was making his speech, I fell asleep.

While he was speaking, **+ clause**.

3. **As** there was heavy traffic, we were late for the preview.

**As** the traffic was heavy, **+ clause**.

4. **Besides** the **fact** that she can speak fluent French, she can pilot airplanes.

**Besides** be**ing** able to speak fluent French, **+ clause**.

**Besides** her (**ability** to speak) fluent French, **+ clause**.

5. **Even though** John **objected** / **made objections**, our proposal was accepted. *(Even though clause,* ***+ clause****)*

6. **As** they **were** working too quickly, they made a mess of the job. *(As clause,* ***+ clause****.)*

7. **As a result of** the **fact** that he had the flu, he couldn’t do the job well.

**As a result of his** / **the** **flu**, … + **clause**.

**As a result of** hav**ing** the flu, **+ clause**.

1. **If** they don’t ask me, I won’t tell them.

9. You must study. **Otherwise**, you’ll fail the exam.

1. **Although** they had a great deal of work, they managed to finish it. *(Although clause,* ***+ clause****.)*
2. **After** he (had) **refused** the offer, he changed his mind.

**After** refus**ing** the offer, **+ clause**.

1. **Apart from** the **fact** that she is well qualified, she has experience in the field.

**Apart from** be**ing** well qualified, **+ clause**.

**Apart from her good qualifications**, **+ clause**.

1. **In spite of** their frequent **disagreements**, they work well together.

**In spite of** disagree**ing** frequently, **+ clause**.

**In spite of** **the fact that** they disagree frequently, **+ clause**.

1. **Unless** you **pay** careful attention, you won’t understand. (*Unless* clause, **+ clause**)
2. **Although** we desperately **attempted** to avoid this problem, it has occurred. *(Although clause,* ***+ clause****)*
3. **As** it **has** numerous facilities, the package is extremely popular. *(As clause,* ***+ clause****)*
4. **In addition to** be**ing** elegant, the solution is efficient.

**In addition to its elegance**, **+ clause**.

**In addition to the** **fact that** it is elegant, **+ clause**.

1. **Before** repair**ing** / she **repaired** the machine, she switched it off. *(Before clause,* **+ clause***)*
2. **Unlike** Windows, Linux is not a proprietary system. (*Unlike* + **NOUN**, **+ clause**)
3. **Owing to** her quick **reaction**, she was able to solve the problem. (*Owing to +* ***NOUN****,* ***+ clause***)

**Owing to the** **fac**t that she reacted quickly, **+ clause**.