

Practise and consolidate your learning by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Rewrite the following sentences, using the word(s) in brackets. You may need to create new sentences and change punctuation.

Question 1: Although it was a hot day, Jill decided to go for a jog. **(despite)**

Question 2: John apologised for his indiscretion. I doubt it was sincere. **(however)**

Question 3: I know I may not be fully qualified for the job, but it's worth a try. **(still)**

Question 4: Though it was Harrods' huge mid-year sale, hardly any of the white goods sold. **(in spite of)**

Question 5: Despite sitting through the entire movie, we didn't enjoy it. **(although)**

Question 6: Even though the critics downgraded the restaurant in their review, the food remains popular with the public. **(despite the fact that)**

Question 7: One way of combating obesity is having children adhere to a strict diet. Having them participate in team sports may be more effective. **(on the other hand)**

Question 8: Despite the market fluctuations, the shares were still popular with investors. **(notwithstanding)**

Question 9: I know I shouldn't have any more chocolates because of my diet, but the indulgence is worth it. **(mind you)**

Question 10: Philip was unsuccessful in securing the top job, even though his qualifications were excellent. **(despite)**

ACTIVITY 2

Rewrite the *italicised* noun phrase as a hyphenated compound word.
One has been done for you.

Eg: Jim's son is *fourteen years old*.
Jim has a fourteen-year-old son.

Question 1:

The fence surrounding the park is *six feet high*.
There is a _____ fence surrounding the park.

Question 2:

The excursion to the Gold Coast is for *seven days*.
It is a _____ excursion to the Gold Coast.

Question 3:

John can get *four credit points* for Accounting 101.
Accounting 101 is a _____ course.

Question 4:

The holiday home has *four bedrooms*.
It is a _____ holiday home.

Question 5:

The IELTS Writing test lasts *one hour*.
It is a _____ test.

Question 6:

The IELTS Writing task 2 requires *250 words*.
It is a _____ essay.

Question 7:

The essay was *well written*.
It was a _____ essay.

Question 8:

Jane sent in a cheque for *forty dollars*.
It was a _____ cheque.

Question 9:

The company will be investing *two million dollars*.
It will be a _____ investment.

Question 10:

The contract is for *three years*.
It is a _____ contract.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

Rewrite the following sentences, using the word(s) in brackets. You may need to create new sentences and change punctuation.

Question 1:

Despite being a hot day, Jill decided to go for a jog.

Question 2:

John apologised for his indiscretion. **However**, I doubt it was sincere.

Question 3:

I know I may not be fully qualified for the job. **Still**, it's worth a try.

Question 4:

In spite of Harrods' huge mid-year sale, hardly any of the white goods sold.

Question 5:

Although we sat through the entire movie, we didn't enjoy it.

Question 6:

Despite the fact that the critics downgraded the restaurant in their review, the food remains popular with the public.

Question 7:

One way of combating obesity is to have children adhere to a strict diet. **On the other hand**, having them participate in team sports may be more effective.

Question 8:

Notwithstanding the market fluctuations, the shares were still popular with investors.

Question 9:

I know I shouldn't have any more chocolates because of my diet. **Mind you**, the indulgence is worth it.

Question 10:

Philip was unsuccessful in securing the top job, **despite having** excellent qualifications.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

Rewrite the *italicised* noun phrase as a hyphenated compound word.

Question 1:

The fence surrounding the park is *six feet high*.

There is a six-foot fence surrounding the park.

Question 2:

The excursion to the Gold Coast is for *seven days*.

It is a seven-day excursion to the Gold Coast.

Question 3:

John can get *four credit points* for Accounting 101.

Accounting 101 is a four-credit-point course.

Question 4:

The holiday home has *four bedrooms*.

It is a four-bedroom holiday home.

Question 5:

The IELTS Writing test lasts *one hour*.

It is a one-hour test.

Question 6:

The IELTS Writing task 2 requires *250 words*.

It is a 250-word essay.

Question 7:

The essay was *well written*.

It was a well-written essay.

Question 8:

Jane sent in a cheque for *forty dollars*.

It was a forty-dollar cheque.

Question 9:

The company will be investing *two million dollars*.

It will be a two-million dollar investment.

Question 10:

The contract is for *three years*.

It is a three-year contract.