

**Connectives exercise: choose an appropriate connective to fill the gap.**  
(but, however, although, even though, despite, nevertheless)

1. We were very worried; \_\_\_\_\_, when the doctor arrived, he told us that everything would be okay.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ having a lot of money, he never gives money to charity.
3. I enjoyed the holiday. \_\_\_\_\_, I don't think I would go there again.
4. We decided to go by train, \_\_\_\_\_ there are often delays.
5. I went to the office at 9.00 am, \_\_\_\_\_ it was still closed.
6. I showed him the book I wanted three times; \_\_\_\_\_, he handed me the wrong one.
7. I've asked them many times to change the sign, \_\_\_\_\_ they haven't done it yet.
8. We had a great time at the park \_\_\_\_\_ the cold.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ he had lots of friends, he always seemed to be very lonely.
10. The race was very physically demanding and I'm very tired. \_\_\_\_\_, it was a good experience overall.
11. My husband confidently gave me directions, \_\_\_\_\_ not really knowing where the restaurant was.
12. I asked Paul if we could meet on Tuesday. \_\_\_\_\_, it wasn't convenient for him, so we decided on Wednesday.

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## Answers

- 1) We were worried; **however**, when the doctor arrived, he told us that everything would be okay.
- 2) **Despite** having a lot of money, he never gives money to charity.
- 3) I enjoyed the holiday. **However/nevertheless**, I don't think I would go there again.
- 4) We decided to go by train, **although** there are often delays.
- 5) I went to the office at 9.00 am, **but** it was closed.
- 6) I showed him the book I wanted three times; **nevertheless/however**, he handed me the wrong one.
- 7) I've asked them many times to change the sign, **but** they haven't done it yet.
- 8) We had a great time at the park **despite** the cold.
- 9) **Although** he had lots of friends, he always seemed to be very lonely.
- 10) The race was very physically demanding and I'm very tired. **Nevertheless**, it was a good experience overall.
- 11) My husband confidently gave me directions, **despite** not really knowing where the restaurant was.
- 12) I asked Paul if we could meet on Tuesday. **However**, it wasn't convenient for him, so we decided on Wednesday.