

Tense review: past perfect simple and continuous

1 Find and underline the mistakes in the following sentences, then correct them. There may be more than one correct answer.

- Before they became friends, Mary had been knowing Anne for years. _____
- Gary was been supporting his team for ten years before they won a match. _____
- I was angry when my friend arrived, as I had been waited for over an hour. _____
- By the time her mum called her for dinner, Dana had been finishing her homework. _____
- Until I met Simon, I hadn't been meeting anyone from the US. _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct past perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Before Barbara arrived home she _____ in on a friend. (drop)
- My friends were laughing when I arrived. I knew they _____ about me. (talk)
- Before the summer course ended, I _____ five new friends. (make)
- My mum told me that she _____ to call me for over three hours. (try)
- By the time I had given my friends their ice creams, mine _____. (melt)

Connectors of contrast

3 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Although** / **Despite** I was hungry, I shared my sandwich with my friend.
- I went round to my friend's house. **Despite** / **However**, she wasn't at home.
- In spite of** / **Despite of** her unfriendliness, the shop assistant was very helpful.
- The team lost **however** / **despite** an encouraging performance.
- Claire kept on talking even **though** / **although** I wasn't really listening.

4 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

although | despite | even | however | spite

- _____ I see my friends often, I would like to see them more.
- I forgave my sister, _____ though she had shouted at me.
- People think I'm sociable. _____, I think I'm quite shy.
- I get on with my teachers, _____ the fact that they give us lots of homework.
- We had a great day on the beach, in _____ of the bad weather.

Unit round-up

5 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text

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Rapping in the park

Last year I went to London to study English during the summer. I (1) _____ studying for two weeks when I realised that I (2) _____ any English friends. (3) _____ that in my own country I was quite sociable, I found it hard to be confident and funny in English. One day, after we (4) _____ our English class, one of my classmates suggested that we go to the park. In the park, we started playing football and after we (5) _____ for about ten minutes, two English teenagers, Dana and Rob, came to join us. When we (6) _____ we started chatting and I discovered that Rob liked rapping. I performed a Spanish rap and he rapped in English. Then we did a freestyle rap together in both languages. (7) _____ it didn't make much sense, it was funny and everybody thought it was brilliant. Since I returned home, we haven't lost touch and have still remained good friends (8) _____ the distance.

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| 1 A was been | B had been | C am |
| 2 A didn't make | B haven't made | C hadn't made |
| 3 A In spite of the fact | B Despite | C Even though |
| 4 A have had | B had had | C were had |
| 5 A had been playing | B had playing | C have played |
| 6 A had been finishing | B did finish | C had finished |
| 7 A Although | B Despite | C In spite of |
| 8 A however | B although | C despite |