

Prepositions

Part A

Fill in the blanks with the prepositions in the box.

in order to despite due to as a result of so as to

1. I avoid eating seafood due to my allergy to it.
2. He bought the expensive ring for his fiancée despite the fact that he is poor.
3. In order to search for the treasure, the main characters of the film started an unforgettable journey.
4. Pauline donated half of her pocket money so as to help the poor people.
5. As a result of the marvellous performance of the team, they became the champion of the competition.

Part B

Put the words in correct order and complete each sentence with one of the following phrases: *because of, as a result of, in order to, so as to, in spite of*.

1. in Hong Kong / many international companies / get into the China market / set up their branches / .
Many international companies set up their branches in Hong Kong in order to get into the China market.
2. , / the tight budget / organised / a successful fun fair / . / the Student Union
In spite of the tight budget, the Student Union organised a successful fun fair.
3. the school picnic / the stormy weather / has been postponed / .
The school picnic has been postponed as a result of the stormy weather.
4. the baby's room / prepare for the arrival of the baby / . / has decorated / the father
The father has decorated the baby's room so as to prepare for the arrival of the baby.
5. her leadership / the president of / is elected as / Joy / the Student Union / .
Joy is elected as the president of the Student Union because of her leadership.

Part C

Cora and Mike are talking about their plan for the holiday. Complete the conversation with the prepositions given in the box. The prepositions can be used more than once.

in order to in order not to because of so as to
despite due to in spite of

Cora : What's your plan for the holiday?

Mike : Not much. **1.** Despite / In spite of having a long holiday, we have so much homework to do.

Cora : I must finish all the homework before the holiday **2.** in spite of / despite the huge amount.

Mike : What's the rush?

Cora : **3.** In order to improve my English, I'll join a study tour in London for two weeks.

Mike : It sounds great! Promise me you'll buy me a souvenir **4.** despite / in spite of the high exchange rate of pounds.

Cora : No problem! **5.** In order not to forget about your souvenir, let me write it down in my notebook. Yet, my budget is rather tight.

Mike : Oh, then I just want a postcard from you **6.** due to / because of your tight budget.

Cora : You're so kind, Mike. I'll write you a postcard **7.** so as to keep my promise. By the way, I have a lot to shop for the trip.

Mike : You must keep your words! **8.** Despite / In spite of the fact that I'm really busy with my homework, I can go shopping with you.

Cora : Are you sure? You're more than welcomed!

Mike : What are you going to buy?

Cora : **9.** Because of / Due to the cold weather, I need to buy some warmer clothes, a thicker jacket, an electrical water-boiler and a larger suitcase. Let's go now, shall we?

Mike : That's a lot! It's already 6 pm and I've got to go now **10.** so as to be on time for dinner at home. I'm sorry that I can't shop with you today.