Linking words – Money can buy happiness

A. Read the text. Do you agree with the writer?

There is a never-ending debate about whether money can buy happiness. A study suggested that day-to-day happiness stopped rising above an annual household income of about $75,000. However, later research challenged this limit. Despite this disagreement, people continue to believe that money is one of the most important factors in deciding how happy you are.

Many people associate money and happiness due to the purchasing power that comes with a higher income. Furthermore, spending money on things that improve your quality of life can increase your happiness. Therefore, money may contribute to happiness if you spend it wisely.

Additionally, having enough money can reduce your financial anxiety. When you go food shopping, go out to a restaurant or pay your rent, you have fewer worries about the cost. As a result, your stress levels may be lower and your quality of life may improve.

Money helps the individual, but it also extends to those around you. Helping a sibling, parent, child or friend through a tough time is a rewarding feeling. In spite of the cost to you, spending money on others can increase your happiness levels.

B. Read the text again and underline the linking words/phrases that the writer uses.

C. Categorise the linking words/phrases. Are they similar to *and*, *but*, *so* or *because*?

additionally	despite	however	also	furthermore	in spite of	moreover
besides	on the other hand		therefore	whereas	as a result	due to

similar to *and*	similar to *but*	similar to *so*	similar to *because*
additionally			

D. Look at the linking words again. Which rules do they follow? *Example: Additionally – A1*

A. Words that normally start sentences, followed by a comma
B. Words that can start or go in the middle of a sentence

1. Words that are followed by a complete clause
2. Words that are followed by a gerund, a noun or *this*

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E. Use the linking word in bold to rewrite the sentences. You can write 1 or 2 sentences.

1. Celebrities are rich and famous, but they aren't normally happy.

   HOWEVER

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   _____

2. You should buy property as soon as possible because it's a good investment.

   DUE TO

   _____

   _____

3. You have less independence, but living with your parents until you are financially stable will make you happier.

   DESPITE

   _____

   _____

4. Giving to charity is a rewarding way to spend money and you get a tax break.

   BESIDES

   _____

   _____

5. Families with higher incomes have more opportunities, so their children are more successful in life.

   THEREFORE

   _____

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F. Compare your sentences with a partner. Do you agree with them?

G. Write 3 more sentences about money using *and*, *but*, *so* or *because*. Exchange with a partner and rewrite their sentences using other linking words.

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ANSWER KEY

A. Answers will vary

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C.

similar to *and*	similar to *but*	similar to *so*	similar to *because*
additionally - A1 also - B1 moreover - A1 besides - A1 furthermore - A1	despite - B2 however - A1 in spite of - B2 on the other hand - A1 whereas - B1	as a result - A1 therefore – A1	due to - B2

D. See above

E. Recommended answers. Answers may vary.

1. Celebrities are rich and famous. However, they aren't normally happy.
2. Due to it being a good investment, you should buy property as soon as possible.
3. Despite having less independence, living with your parents until you are financially stable will make you happier.
4. Giving to charity is a rewarding way to spend money. Besides, you get a tax break.
5. Families with higher incomes have more opportunities. Therefore, their children are more successful in life.

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