

2 Read the text and identify examples of different linking words.

Australian bushfires

In early 2009 some of the worst bushfires ever recorded raged across the southern Australian state of Victoria. Most of the fires were started by falling power lines, although some were thought to have been started deliberately. Temperatures that summer were so high that it proved impossible to extinguish some fires once they had started, as firefighters were unable to get close enough. As a result, damage to property was widespread but, fortunately, there were fewer than 200 fatalities. The fires were eventually all extinguished in March as weather conditions improved.



3 Complete the diagnostic test below. Choose the correct words in *italics*. If both options are correct, choose both.

- 1 The college neither acknowledged my application nor *did / didn't* they invite me for interview. ➤ Unit 58.1
- 2 Will you let me know *immediately / as soon as* the hospital contacts you? ➤ Unit 59.1
- 3 'I don't understand why the interview was cancelled.' 'It was *since / because* the director was unable to attend.' ➤ Unit 59.2
- 4 The flag is raised *so that / so as* to indicate that the monarch is present. ➤ Unit 59.3
- 5 Is this package *enough light / light enough* to send by normal post? ➤ Unit 59.4
- 6 We will exchange sale goods *if / as long as* they are returned within seven days. ➤ Unit 59.5
- 7 Nick hardly knows Al but he talks about him as if they *are / were* friends. ➤ Unit 59.6
- 8 Visitors to tropical resorts still stay out in the sun too long, *even though / even* they have had plenty of warning about the dangers of the sun's rays. ➤ Unit 60.2
- 9 *Ideal / Ideal though* it may appear, always obtain a structural survey on a property. ➤ Unit 60.2
- 10 *Despite / Though* she was a woman, Marie Curie made a successful career for herself in a male-dominated world. ➤ Unit 60.3
- 11 *In spite of / Although* the fact that the machine was under guarantee, the company refused to replace it. ➤ Unit 60.3
- 12 The flight took over eight hours. *Then, / After*, we had a three-hour coach transfer. ➤ Unit 61.2
- 13 All the actors seem totally relaxed when they come onto the stage, but *beforehand, / before that*, they are almost sick with anxiety. ➤ Unit 61.2
- 14 The number of skiers on the slopes contributed to last season's avalanche. *Consequently, / For this reason*, numbers will be restricted this year. ➤ Unit 61.4
- 15 The plumber charged \$100 for an hour's work. He did a good job, *mind you / still*. ➤ Unit 61.5
- 16 The experiment was concluded after thirty days. *In / To* summarise, the results we achieved were not really comprehensive enough to merit publication. ➤ Unit 61.6

4 Check your answers on page 384. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.