Linkers of Concession

List I

(Linker + clause)

**Though** he tried hard, he failed to climb the wall

**Although** he tried hard, he failed to climb the wall

**Even though** he tried hard, he failed to climb the wall

**Despite the fact that** he tried hard, he failed to climb the wall

**In spite of the fact that** he tried hard, he failed to climb the wall

(Linker + gerund)

**Despite** trying hard, he failed to climb the wall

**In spite of** trying hard, he failed to climb the wall

(Linker + noun)

**Despite** his hard effort, he failed to climb the wall

**In spite of** his hard effort, he failed to climb the wall

(Clause. + Linker, clause.)

He tried hard. **However**, he failed to climb the wall.

He tried hard. **Nevertheless**, he failed to climb the wall.

He tried hard. **Nonetheless**, he failed to climb the wall.

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(Linker + adjective)

**No matter how** hard he tried, he failed to climb the wall.

**However** hard he tried, he failed to climb the wall.

(Adjective + Linker)

Hard **though** he tried, he failed to climb the wall.

Hard **as** he tried, he failed to climb the wall.

*(A comma is used when the clause of concession precedes the main clause)*