

TOEIC IV – Prepositions and Adverbs Story (5)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

1. **not** **according** **because** **however**

I read a magazine, and _____ to one article, more and more people are _____ only moving to rural areas _____ housing is cheap, but also choosing jobs that allow them to work from home. _____, this large number of new rural residents is causing housing prices to increase.

2. **As** **With** **In** **Moreover**

_____ the rise of “eco-friendly” thinking, recycling is becoming very popular. _____ fact, the percentage of recycled goods is rapidly increasing. _____ a result, the amount of garbage we produce is dramatically decreasing. _____, many people carry their own shopping bags to reduce our plastic use,

3. **through** **against** **well** **although**

I know we've all been _____ a lot during this economic shut-down. We fought hard _____ many rival companies trying to close us down and _____ we did as _____ as we could, we were unable to save this great company. I'm sorry to inform you that we're closing down.

4. **except** **nevertheless** **on** **in spite of**

_____ for 2018, Acom has never actually made a profit _____ having perhaps the best smart watch _____ the market for the last 5 years in a row. _____, they keep working hard and waiting for their chance to finally become a success!

5. **so** **over** **out** **such**

I can't believe that _____ a terrible thing could have happened, but we have totally and completely run _____ of money and can't afford to pay our staff, let alone our rent! This is just _____ incredibly terrible! I've talked things _____ with our board of directors and we are going to have to let go of 70% of our staff if we are going to survive.