PREVENTING

1. His mother prevented him from taking the car.
2. She stopped him taking the car.

ENABLING

3. His father allowed him to go to town with the car.
4. He saved him the trouble of having to walk there.
5. This software enables you to create all sorts of things.
6. This software allows for better performance and creativity.

FROM APPEARANCE

At first sight,
1. we are under the impression that...
2. it seems that...
3. it looks as if...
4. we take it for granted that...
5. we are led to think that...

TO REALITY

But in fact,
6. we realize that...
7. we are made to understand that...
8. the writer takes great care to show that...
9. we gradually become aware that...

PARADOX

1. Although he is
2. Even though he is an idiot, this man makes a lot of money.
3. Despite the fact that he is
4. In spite of (his) being
5. This man is an idiot. And yet However, he makes a lot of money.
6. Granted, this man is an idiot. But still, he makes a lot of money.