



## EXPRESSING CONTRAST: however, but, nevertheless, still, whereas and yet

These sentence connectors are used to emphasize the fact that the second point contradicts with the first.

**HOWEVER** : Katty couldn't cash her paycheck **However**, she managed to buy a new TV set.

**BUT**: Oscar had a ticket, **but** he didn't go to the game

**NEVERTHELESS**: There was little chance of success; **nevertheless** they decided to perform the surgery.

**STILL** He is rich. **Still**, he leads a miserable life.

**YET**: Edison dropped out school at an early age, **yet** he became a famous inventor

**WHEREAS**. Tom thinks we're ready to begin **whereas** Lisa thinks we have to wait

## EXPRESSING CONTRAST: although, though even if and even though

We use them to connect contrasting ideas introducing a dependent clause

**ALTHOUGH** : **Although** it rained a lot, we enjoyed our vacation

**THOUGH** Maria didn't receive a scholarship **though** she is an excellent student

**EVEN IF**: **Even if** you take a taxi, you'll still miss your train

**EVEN THOUGH**: **Even though** the weather was bad, the ship departed

## EXPRESSING CONTRAST: despite, in spite of

We use them to contrast ideas. They must be followed by a noun phrase or an -ing form

**IN SPITE OF**: **In spite of** being a millionaire, he is very mean

**DESPITE**: **Despite** the doctor's advice, he played football last week.

## Expressing Contrast

- ..... he's been really ill lately, he insists on going into work.  
**Even though**            **Even if**
- I'll never forget you, ..... I live to be 100.  
**Even though**            **Even if**
- We decided to go to Italy for our holiday, ..... it meant we needed to get our passports renewed.  
**despite**                    **although**
- She decided to travel by plane ..... being very scared of flying.  
**in spite of**                **though**
- I'm not going out tonight. ...., I can see you tomorrow if you like.  
**Although**                 **However**
- ..... the car was quite old, it was still very reliable.  
**Despite**                    **Although**
- She went out ..... the rain  
**Despite**                    **Although**
- .....she didn't like it, I enjoyed it a lot.  
**Although**                 **However**
- I was late. \_\_\_\_\_, the others were all on time.  
**Although**                 **However**

## Choose the correct answer

- My sister is black **despite/whereas** I'm blonde
- Despite/Yet** going on a diet, she put on five kilos
- Even though/Despite** we are good friends, we don't meet very often
- My mother is French **even though/whereas** my father is Polish
- I invited Tom. **Although/ However**, he didn't come

## Rephrase the sentences using the words in brackets

- In spite of travelling the world, he is narrow-minded (although)
- He is a sailor but he can't swim (despite)
- He is a sailor but he can't swim (although)
- He did his best. He came last. (Yet)
- The traffic was terrible. However, we arrived on time. (although)
- Despite the age of the house, he managed to sell it. (although)
- Although he has an English name, he is in fact German. (in spite of)

## Complete the sentences

1. The work continued despite
2. The team had no success although
3. We couldn't work the machine in spite of
4. Even though it's snowing

## Translate

1. Los niños durmieron bien a pesar del ruido
2. Ann vivió en Rusia 5 años. Sin embargo, nunca aprendió el idioma.
3. A pesar de la profundidad del río, mucha gente va a nadar
4. Aunque tenía mucho sueño, pude ver la película entera.
5. Mientras que a mí me gusta nadar, a Susan le gusta navegar