

Concession and Contrast

Although, despite, however, while, whereas

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KEY RULE:

Despite + noun/gerund; Although + clause; However + new sentence.

1 Although / Despite / However

EASY

Choose the grammatically correct form.

Word bank: Despite / Although / Nevertheless / Even so

1. ____ the rain, match went on.

2. ____ it rained, match went on.

3. Results bad. ____, optimistic.

4. ____ her efforts, she failed.

5. ____ fact that tired, continued.

6. Rejected. ____, they resubmitted.

7. ____ being qualified, struggled.

8. Costs rose. ____, quality same.

9. ____ all challenges, finished ok.

10. Warned of risks. ____, invested.

2 While / Whereas / On Other Hand

MEDIUM

Choose the most appropriate connector.

Word bank: while / whereas / on the other hand

1. Urban grew, ____ rural declined.

2. Fast but risky. ____, slow but safe.

3. ____ some argue tech bad, others...

4. North exports raw, ____ south mfg.

5. Effective. ____, side effects exist.

6. ____ transport improving, drive still.

7. Gen A spends lot. ____, Gen B saves.

8. East invests more, ____ west less.

9. She is loud. ____, he is quiet.

10. Art enriches. ____, funding is cut.

3 Advanced Concession: for all / much as

HARD

Choose the correct advanced form.

Word bank: For all / Much as / Despite

1. ____ its flaws, plan has value.

2. ____ I admire her, disagree here.

3. ____ the criticism, kept going.

4. ____ its benefits, has risks too.

5. ____ her talent, she still failed.

6. ____ I respect you, this is wrong.

7. ____ the cost, it must be done.

8. ____ difficulty, succeeded anyway.

9. ____ admiring the view, disagree.

10. ____ promise, plan cannot work.

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Rewrite Using Concession**VERY HARD**

Rewrite using the connector given.

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| 1. Even though it rained, went on. | 2. She failed despite hard effort. |
| 3. He's qualified but can't find work. | 4. Urban grew but rural declined. |
| 5. Costs rose but no quality gain. | 6. Rejected; still resubmitted it. |
| 7. Fast option risky. Other safer. | 8. Criticism didn't stop them. |
| 9. Good plan; has major weaknesses. | 10. Warning ignored; invested anyway. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Although / Despite / However

1 Despite

2 Although

3 Nevertheless

4 In spite of

5 Despite

6 Even so

7 Despite

8 Yet

9 In spite of

10 Nonetheless

2 Exercise 2 While / Whereas / On Other Hand

1 while

2 On the other hand

3 While

4 whereas

5 On the other hand

6 While

7 On the other hand

8 whereas

9 whereas

10 On the other hand

3 Exercise 3 Advanced Concession

1 For all

2 Much as

3 Despite

4 For all

5 Despite

6 Much as

7 Despite

8 Despite

9 Much as

10 For all its

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Concession

1 Despite the rain, the match went on.

2 In spite of her best efforts, she failed.

3 Despite being highly qualified, she can't find work.

4 Urban areas grew while rural communities declined.

5 Costs rose, yet quality did not improve.

6 The proposal was rejected; even so, they resubmitted it.

7 The fast option is risky; on the other hand, the slow one is safer.

8 Despite the criticism, they kept going.

9 Although it's a good plan, it has major weaknesses.

10 Although he was warned about the risks, he invested.