

Expressing Concession and Contrast

In order to express opposing ideas, you need some very specific linking words. They are mostly known as coordinating conjunctions, subordinating connectors or simply Connectives. Here are some of them:

Connectors	Examples
but	This mobile phone is good, but it is very expensive.
yet	I'm fond of math, yet I can't learn it.
still	I attended the lecture many times, still I cannot assimilate it.
however	He is very rich; however , he drives an old car.
nevertheless	She explained it all, nevertheless , nobody seemed to understand anything
nonetheless	Someone had to prepare dinner, nonetheless , everyone pretended to be busy
although	Although they have invited her to the part, she didn't come.
even though	He insisted to go abroad even though he didn't have a passport.
despite	Despite the bad weather, the kids are still playing football.
In spite of	In spite of <i>sickness</i> , I never stop working.
even if	He went out even if the doctor advised him to stay in bed.
whereas/ while	The boys went out whereas / while they have to do their homework.
otherwise	You must prepare well for the interview; otherwise , they won't recruit you.
Regardless of	Every one of us should go to school regardless of age or social scale.

When expressing concession with the following connectors, the students must be careful :

1)

-Despite + Noun = Despite/ In spite of / regardless of the rain, we had great time.

-In spite of, regardless of + Gerund =Despite/ In spite of / regardless of having a lot of money, he is not a happy man.

Information: A gerund: is a noun made from a verb by adding "-ing." The gerund form of the verb "read" is "reading." You can use a gerund as the subject, the complement, or the object of a sentence.

E.x.: Reading helps you learn English.

2)

In spite the fact that / Despite the fact that + (Subject+ Verb+ the rest of the sentence).

Example: (In spite/ despite) the fact that he had the necessary qualifications, he didn't get a good job.

Activity:

Rewrite the following sentences as indicated:

1. Although he is poor, she accepted to marry him.

Despite _____

2. Even if he is rich, he never helps the poor.

Despite _____

3. Jack is crazy; nevertheless, all that he says is wise.

In spite of _____

4. The boy is audacious; however, he couldn't save the drowning dog.

Despite _____

5. The paragraph is very long, yet it remains coherent.

In spite of _____

6. Although Steven was disabled. He overcame all the obstacles.

Despite _____