

Lesson06: Expressing Concession and Contrast

Rule: 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.

Note:

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

- 1)
- Despite
great time.
 - In spite of, regardless of
- } + **Noun** = **Despite/ In spite of / regardless of** *the rain*, we had
- } + **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.

Examples: **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 _____