

Common contrasting connectors

Although / Though

Introduces a contrast between two ideas.

Although it was raining, we went for a walk.

*Similar to *but*, but more formal.

Even though

A stronger form of *although*, used when the contrast is surprising or unexpected.

Even though he studied a lot, he failed the test.

While

Shows contrast between two facts; can also mean “at the same time.”

- **contrast:** *While some people love city life, others prefer the countryside.*
- **time:** *I listened to music while I was cooking.*

Whereas

Used to compare two different situations, facts, or opinions.

Whereas older people often read newspapers, young people use online news.

Despite / In spite of

Means “without being affected by.” Followed by a **noun** or **-ing verb**, not a full sentence.

Despite the rain, we went out.

In spite of feeling tired, she finished her work.

However

Connects two sentences to show contrast (formal, written).

I like coffee. However, I don't drink it every day.

On the other hand

Introduces the opposite idea, often to compare two sides.

Living in a city is convenient. On the other hand, it can be stressful.

Even if

Expresses a condition
with contrast
(imaginary or possible).

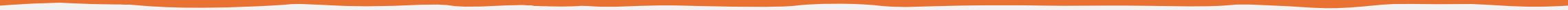
*I will go for a walk even
if it rains.*

Finish the sentences with your ideas:

- Although technology makes life easier, it also...
- Even though social media connects people, it can also...
- While some people think money is the key to happiness, I believe...
- Whereas older generations prefer face-to-face communication, younger people...
- Although climate change is a global problem, many governments...



- Even though online learning is convenient, it sometimes...
- While traveling can be exciting, it can also...
- Although failure feels negative at first, it can...
- Whereas some countries invest heavily in healthcare, others...
- Even though success is often linked to hard work, I think...
- While technology saves time, it also...



- Although living in a big city has advantages, it also...
- Even though teamwork is important, sometimes working alone...
- Whereas some people believe traditions limit progress, others...
- Although globalisation brings opportunities, it can also...