

# Common contrasting connectors

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# Although / Though

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Introduces a contrast between two ideas.

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*Although it was raining, we went for a walk.*

\*Similar to *but*, but more formal.

# Even though

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

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*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

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

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

# Despite / In spite of

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

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***Despite the rain, we went out.***

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***In spite of feeling tired, she finished her work.***

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# 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:

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- 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...

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- 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...

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- 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...