

EXERCISES ON CONNECTORS (CONTRAST)

Exercise 1

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A SUITABLE CONTRAST CONNECTOR (*WHEREAS, BUT, ALTHOUGH, HOWEVER, DESPITE, IN SPITE OF, ON THE OTHER HAND*)

1. _____ Andrew was warned of the risks, he decided to travel alone to South America.
2. Maria did not get a promotion _____ her qualifications.
3. Zambia is a land- locked country, _____ Kenya has a coastline.
4. On the one hand, you could rent a flat instead of buying one. _____ you are always at the mercy of landlords.
5. This restaurant has a good reputation, _____ that one does not.
6. The city has a 50 kph limit. _____, people are often caught speeding.
7. You won't be forgiven _____ your apology.
8. We couldn't find a house to buy _____ we looked at quite a few.
9. He always looks so lonely and sad _____ his popularity.
10. He is quiet and shy, _____ his sister is lively and talkative

Exercise 2

JOIN EACH PAIR OF SENTENCES. BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PUT THE WORDS IN BRACKETS. (*ALTHOUGH, IN SPITE OF , DESPITE*)

1. Dave smokes. He seems to be in good health (although)
2. I couldn't sleep. I was tired. (despite)
3. Max didn't notice the sign. It was right in front of him (even though)
4. Kate never learnt Spanish. She lived in Spain for many years (although)
5. Joe is a millionaire .He hates spending money. (despite)

Exercise 3

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES.

1. I couldn't sleep although I was tired. (despite)
2. Although he has got an English name, he is in fact German. (despite)
3. In spite of her injured foot, she managed to walk to the village(although)
4. I decided to accept the job although the salary was low. (in spite of)
5. We lost the match although we were the better team.(despite)
6. In spite of not having eaten for 24 hours, I didn't feel hungry. (even though)
7. Although she was tired, she went to work (but)
8. They went out for a walk, even though the weather was bad. (despite)
9. She managed to write in spite of her injured hand (although)
10. She has plenty of money, but she is very mean (although)

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1

1. Although
2. despite/ in spite of
3. whereas
4. On the other hand
5. whereas
6. However
7. despite/ in spite of
8. although
9. despite/ in spite of
10. whereas

Exercise 2

1. Although Dave smokes, he seems to be in good health.
2. I couldn't sleep despite being tired.
3. Max didn't notice the sign even though it was right in front of him.
4. Kate never learnt Spanish although she lived in Spain for many years.
5. Despite being a millionaire, Joe hates spending money./ Despite his wealth , Joe

Exercise 3

1. I couldn't sleep despite being tired
2. Despite having an English name / Despite his English name , he is in fact German.
3. Although she had injured her foot / Although her foot was injured, she managed to walk to the village.
4. I decided to accept the job in spite of the low salary / in spite of the salary being low,
5. We lost the match despite being the better team/ despite the fact that we were the better team.
6. Even though I hadn't eaten for 24 hours, I didn't feel hungry.
7. She was tired, but she went to work.
8. They went out for a walk despite the bad weather.
9. She managed to write although her hand was injured.
10. Although she has plenty of money, she is very mean.