

EXERCISES

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

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

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

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

C. Read the dialogue and check the unknown words, list them with their meaning

Daisy: Are you and Alfie going to the festival this weekend?

Oliver: Hmm? We want to, but we don't have a car so we're not sure how to get there. It's in the middle of nowhere!

Daisy: Amy's dad is taking us on Saturday morning, and he's offered to bring us home again on Sunday. Why not come with us?

Oliver: But where would we sleep? You can't fit five adults and tents in one car.

Daisy: You can in his – it's one of those cars for seven people, so there's plenty of room. Although we could look for a bed and breakfast in the village near the festival, if you'd rather.

Oliver: No, no, brilliant! Camping and concerts. A great combination!

Daisy: Or camping, concerts and cooking. It's a world music festival but there's also food from all over the world – Chile, Ethiopia, ummm ...

Oliver: Cool! Let's call Alfie and Amy, and get organised.

Alfie: Let's see ... here's the programme. The smaller concerts start at 12 but the bigger ones start at 3. What time will we be there?

Oliver: Well, if we leave here at about 10am, we'll be there by 12. Although we have to put up our tents too, so we could see something at 1 o'clock.

Amy: But we have to carry the tents from the car and then find a good space, so we'll be later than that.

Daisy: A space near food and toilets, but not too near because it'll be noisy ... and busy.

Alfie: True. So, carry the tents, find a space, put the tents up ...

Amy: (*interrupting*) ... eat ... we'll be hungry by then.

Alfie: Also true. Put the tents up, eat ... so we'll be ready for concerts at, what? 3 o'clock?

Oliver: I would think so, yes.

Amy: Isn't your mum going? World music and food sounds like the perfect festival for her!

Daisy: I know, but she can't go even though she told me she'd really like to. She's in Vienna. ... and speaking of Mum ... Hi, Mum, we were just talking about you!

Sophie: All good, I hope!

Alfie: Hi, Sophie. Daisy was just saying you can't come with us all to the festival this weekend.

Sophie: No, I'm here in Austria until Tuesday – it's the land of chocolate cake, the waltz and Mozart, so I'm OK for food, dance and music, and I'm having a wonderful time ... but you can take photos for me, can't you? In fact, would you like to be guest bloggers and write a post?

Amy: Oh yes! That would be so cool!

Daisy: Great idea, Mum.

Sophie: So, my two, how are things ...?

Alfie: Wow, writing a post for Sophie's blog. Thousands of people read her blog!

Amy: I know! And we can interview people and try lots of different food from different places and if we organise ourselves, we can see as many concerts as possible.

Alfie: I'd like to see that Irish band, because Celtic music is pretty cool.

Amy: There's a Portuguese singer I'd like to see.

Alfie: Oliver and Daisy could write about the food ...

Amy: Umm ... yes ... maybe. Although maybe we should see what they want to do too.

Alfie: Er, yes. Yes, we should.

Amy: But, it's a possibility.

Oliver/Daisy: OK, bye Mum. Love you.

Oliver: Bring us some cake! OK, you two, we were looking at the programme

... Concerts. Hey, at 3 o'clock there's a great looking reggae band from Jamaica or a Russian electro-pop group on the other stage ...

Daisy/Oliver: I fancy the Russian gig – oh, haha.

Daisy: How about you two go to the reggae?

Alfie: Fine by me ...

D. Once you have read the conversation between Sophie and Hakan, do these exercises to check your understanding.

Match the two parts of the sentence and write a–h next to the numbers 1– 8.

1	We wanted to go to the show	a	so we don't get there late
2	I often make omelettes	b	or at the football match?
3	Shall we go to the cinema	c	because he laughs in his sleep.
4	Burgers are very tasty	d	and watch that film you were talking about?
5	My neighbours are friendly	e	because they're quick and easy.
6	Do you know if he's at home	f	although they are not very healthy.
7	Pick me up early, please,	g	but they're noisy
8	We know he has great dreams	h	but there weren't any seats left.

Circle the correct conjunction to complete these sentences

1. I'd love to stay **so** / **and** / **but** I have to catch my bus
2. His hot chocolate was too hot **so** / **and** / **but** he put some cold milk in it.
3. **Or** / **Although** / **Because** we had an umbrella, we got extremely wet
4. I only passed my exam **because** / **but** / **although** you helped me
5. They were hungry **but** / **because** / **so** they made some sandwiches
6. We can go to the pool **and** / **but** / **or** we can go horse-riding, whichever you prefer.
7. She didn't want him to see her **and** / **so** / **although** she hid behind a plant
8. He's in the town centre **so** / **because** / **but** he wants to look for shoes
9. I'm definitely coming tonight, **or** / **because** / **although** I could be a bit late
10. I'm definitely coming tonight, **or** / **because** / **although** I could be a bit late

E. Do you think you would enjoy camping at a music festival? Why or why not?

Answer: In spite of the insects that I could see, if I would like to. Since it would be a good place to relax and listen to various groups or soloists singing each genre of music.

The idea of camping with music would be really fascinating, however there will always be some disadvantages, of course, it is nothing that cannot be solved