# EXERCISES

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

1. **Althoug** Andrew was warned of the risks, he decided to travel alone to South America.
2. Maria did not get a promotion **in spite of** 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 50 kph limit. **However**, people are often caught speeding.
7. You won’t be forgiven **in spite of** 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 **despite** his popularity.
10. He is quiet and shy, **whereas** 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. 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. **(although)**
4. Kate never learnt Spanish. She lived in Spain for many years. **(although)**
5. 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–**

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

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

**I like listening, because being in nature listening to it is very nice although I like to listen to the animals, especially at night while I watch the stars.**