

HOW TO EXPRESS CONTRAST

But and **although** express contrast within a sentence.

- Examples:
- *It was raining heavily , but the kids stayed in the playground.*
 - *The kids stayed in the playground although it was raining heavily.*
 - *Although it was raining heavily, the kids stayed in the playground*

However and **on the other hand** express contrast between two different sentences. They are followed by a comma.

- Examples:
- *The traffic was really bad; however, we were not late.*
 - *I want to go to Scotland; on the other hand, I know I'll miss you a lot*

Unlike, **As opposed to**, **contrary to** are prepositions and they are followed by a noun, noun phrase or pronoun

- Examples:
- *Unlike my brother, I like art.*
 - *'contrary to his expectations, he found the atmosphere exciting'*
 - *As opposed to written English, the spoken language is usually far more casual*

PRACTICE.- EXPRESS CONTRAST BY USING THE WORDS GIVEN

2

1.- I must learn English to get a good job / I don't like foreign languages

(but) _____

(however) _____

(on the other hand) _____

(although) _____

2.- Youth hostels are cheap / They are usually noisy and crowded

(but) _____

(however) _____

(on the other hand) _____

(although) _____

3.- **Unlike** Write sentences by using unlike

- I love discos , but Mike doesn't . → Unlike Mike, I love discos

- Marta can cook very well, but my father can't. → _____

- Ruben is very good at sports; however Marcos isn't → _____

- I am not ticklish; however, Charlie is. → _____

- My parents got divorced. Susan's parents didn't. → _____

IES GALILEO GALILEI.

4.- LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE (mirando el lado bueno)

As they say, every cloud has a silver lining (no hay mal que por bien no venga).

Write sentences by using the words in brackets .

1.- I earn very little. I love my job. (but)

2.- Sarah is very shy. She is sweet and a good friend (on the other hand).

3.- Learning a foreign language is hard. It is rewarding in the end (although)

4.- I hate rainy days. I know water is necessary for us and the environment. (however)

5.- I'm tired of trying over and over again. I'm sure persistence pays off (although)

(however)

(on the other hand)

5.- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH.

1.- Aunque mi casa está lejos de la ciudad, yo me siento muy a gusto en ella.

2.- Al contrario que mis amigos, a mí me gusta pasear y leer poesía.

3.- Tengo ganas de ir al extranjero, pero por otra parte, tengo miedo de no entender a la gente

4.- Ramón es muy inteligente; sin embargo, es muy vago.

5.- No iré a la fiesta aunque insistas.

6.- Al contrario de mucha gente, yo no me enfado si no me llaman en mi cumpleaños

7.- Me encanta jugar al fútbol, pero por otra parte, nunca estoy en el primer equipo

8.- Nunca he sido una persona celosa; sin embargo tú te pones celosa cada vez que una chica me habla

9.- Tú me escuchas siempre y ,sin embargo, nunca me entiendes.

10.- Aunque me encantan la gente famosa, nunca me casaría con uno de ellos.
