

<u>ALTHOUGH/ IN SPITE OF/ DESPITE/ EVEN THOUGH/HOWEVER</u> (HOW TO EXPRESS UNEXPECTED RESULTS)

① ALTHOUGH - DESPITE/IN SPITE OF-

Although I had planned our trip in advance, everything went wrong
Conjunción

Despite planning our trip in advance, everything went wrong

Preposición.

1.- Write sentences with the same meaning by using the word given

a) Even though it was cold, I went swimming
- Despite
- Although
b) Despite her low marks, she was admitted to the university.
- Although
- (the fact)
- Even though
- (However)
c) He wasn't tired, but he went to bed anyway
- Although
- In spite of
d) Tim was all alone and lost in the city; However, he didn't panic
- Even though
- Despite
e) Despite her patience, she lost her temper yesterday
- In spite of (Ving)
- Although
- (However)
f) Although we make mistakes, we must be happy anyway
- Despite
- (the fact)
- Even though
g) Even though the work was hard, they enjoyed themselves
- In spite of
- However
h) Although Liza was driving carefully, she had that horrible accident
- Despite
- (However)
i) She wasn't hungry, but she ate two dishes of ice cream anyway
- Although
- Despite
k) He lied to me; however, I still trust him
- Although
- In spite of
2 TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH
a) Aunque el examen era muy difícil, saqué un sobresaliente.
b) A pesar de ser una de mis mejores amigas, Ruth a veces me saca de quicio
c) John Vale es un gran político; sin embargo, nunca le votaría por sus ideas políticas



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 <u>although</u> it was raining heavily. <u>Although</u> 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.*

- <u>'contrary to</u> 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

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. →



USE OF ENGLISH

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.