

Contrast Words and Phrases	Definitions	Usage	Sentence Examples
<b>Despite</b> and <b>In spite of</b>	Used as prepositions. Both are followed by a noun or a gerund. Both have the same meaning	<b>Despite/in spite of</b> something (noun) <b>Despite/in spite of</b> +verb + ing (gerund)	In spite of/Despite the rain, we enjoyed the picnic Despite/In spite of leaving early, he still missed the bus.
<b>Although</b> and <b>even though</b>	They have the same meaning; they are adverb clauses showing opposition. They are followed by a clause ( <i>subject and verb</i> )	Add a <i>comma</i> after the adverb clause when <b>although</b> and <b>even though</b> <u>begin</u> the sentence.	Although/Even though it rained a lot, I enjoyed my vacation. I enjoyed my vacation even though/although it rained a lot.
<b>However,</b> <b>nevertheless,</b> and <b>on the other hand</b>	They are transitions. They are used to start a 2nd sentence that <b>contrasts</b> the information in the first sentence by showing an <i>unexpected result</i> .	These transitions are followed by a <b>comma</b> .	The city is very expensive. However/On the other hand, I love living here. The city is very expensive. Nevertheless, I love living here.

Matching:

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| 1. Although I was tired, <u>e</u>    | a. he swims everyday.                                 |
| 2. I like my job <u>d</u>            | b. in spite of the rain.                              |
| 3. I walked home <u>b</u>            | c. even though we went to<br>the university together. |
| 4. We weren't close friends <u>c</u> | d. despite the low salary.                            |
| 5. Despite his age, <u>a</u>         | e. I couldn't sleep.                                  |