



Grammar

Linking words: Concession & Contrast – Exercise

Use the linking word in brackets to formulate the same idea as the original sentence containing 'but'.

If there are several formulation possibilities, choose one. Make sure you use the correct punctuation.

Examples:

They are poor, but they're happy. (although)

... **They're happy although they're poor.** ...

... **Although they're poor, they're happy.** ...

They are poor, but they're happy. (Despite)

... **They're happy despite their poverty.** ...

... **They're happy despite being poor.** ...

... **Despite their poverty, they're happy.** ...

... **Despite being poor, they're happy.** ...

1. He's an engineer, but he can't change a light bulb. (yet)

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2. She was really unwell, but she refused to take the day off. (and yet)

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3. They are brothers, but they are worlds apart. (yet)

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4. He is taking several drugs, but his condition has not improved.(and yet)

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5. She hadn't studied, but she passed all her exams. (though)

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6. The experiment was flawed, but they published the results. (even though)

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7. The restaurant was run-down, but the food was excellent.(although)

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8. They're competitors, but they're on friendly terms. (even though)

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9. She's unemployed, but she seems to be making ends meet.(although)

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10. That was a harsh comment, but I didn't get upset. (though)

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11. I tend to book things in advance, but my sister likes to be spontaneous. (while)

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12. North America is a vast continent, but Singapore is a tiny island.(whereas)

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13. Jack loves horror films, but his wife hates them. (while)

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14. Bob attended a private school, but Sam went to a public school.(whereas)

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15. He's exercising intensively, but he isn't losing any weight. (still)

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16. We'd left quite late, but we got there on time. (still)

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17. It appears to be a good idea, but the management have some reservations. (nevertheless)

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18. These two words are synonyms, but they are used differently.(however)

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19. He has an autocratic management style, but he seems to be quite popular. (nevertheless)

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20. The company's share price has fallen, but they continue to be in profit. (nonetheless)

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21. She hardly eats anything, but she's overweight. (however)

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22. They have their differences, but they get on quite well. (despite)

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23. He gave me clear instructions, but I couldn't get it to work. (in spite of)

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24. His family supported him, but he didn't succeed. (despite)

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25. I had a good night's sleep, but I'm still tired. (in spite of)

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