

Sentence Structure - Contrast

Direct contrast: putting two things which contradict in the same sentence.

Indirect contrast: you show a result / an idea which is surprising in some way

Contrast

linker	verb or noun	example
<p>but</p> <p>1 sentence / 2 clauses</p> <p>though even though although</p> <p>1 sentence / 2 clauses / linker can move – beginning / between the clauses</p>	verb	<p>My children have been doing lessons of various types for the last three months but I haven't seen any improvement so far!</p> <p>Although my children have been doing lessons of various types for the last three months, I haven't seen any improvement so far!</p> <p>I haven't seen any improvement so far although my children have been doing lessons of various types for the last three months.</p>
<p>however</p> <p>2 sentences. Linker at the beginning of the 2nd sentence</p> <p>Sometimes however is after the subject/object of the next sentence – when you are making direct comparisons.</p>		<p>My children have been doing lessons of various types for the last three months. However, I haven't seen any improvement so far.</p> <p>Shampoo is good for your hair. Banana milkshake, however, is not.</p>
<p>despite in spite of</p> <p>require nouns / linker can move – beginning / between the clauses</p>	noun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I broke my ankle but I played football two weeks later. I played football but my ankle was broken. Despite <u>breaking</u> my ankle, I played football two weeks later.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerund: I played football <i>in spite of</i> <u>breaking</u> my ankle two weeks before. • Gerund: I played football <i>in spite of</i> my ankle being broken. • Simple noun: <i>Despite</i> my broken ankle, I played football.
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Exercise 1

Make sentences of the following prompts:

- 1) John /took / diet pills / not / lose weight
- 2) Sarah / have ulcer / two weeks / no contact/ GP
- 3) Mary/exercise bike /not use
- 4) Janet / four cats/allergic
- 5) eczema / Harry / use / not go away / ointment / eye

Exercise 2

Spot the mistakes:

1. Despite he is healthy, John always feels tired.
2. We were nervous about the operation but it was a terrible experience.
3. Although, I drink a lot of water I still feel dehydrated.
4. Paul has no heart health issues in spite of he has a family history of cardiac problems.
5. I want to reduce the cholesterol in my diet, however, I am not very skilled in the kitchen.
6. Although being prescribing with metformin two months ago, Mr Smith not compliant.

Exercise 3

Use the prompts to make sentences with contrast

1. Your condition has improved. (vitals not good enough/no discharge)
2. Mrs Smith was advised to reduce her cholesterol. (still high)
3. Most ACL repair patients need to start physio soon after the operation. (not Mr Green – meniscus / time to heal)
4. My son needs round the clock care. (I/ not trained)
5. The captain continued playing. (painful injury)
6. There was no evidence of petechial rash. Sarah thought she had meningitis.

Answers

Exercise 1

Make sentences of the following prompts:

1) John /took / diet pills / not / lose weight

- **Although** John took diet pills, he did not lose any weight.
- John takes diet pills **but** he is not losing weight.
- John didn't lose weight **despite** taking diet pills.
- **Despite** taking his diet tablets regularly, John has not lost any weight.
- John does not lose weight **in spite of** taking diet pills
- John took diet pills. **However**, he didn't lose weight.

2) Sarah / have ulcer / two weeks / no contact/ GP

- **Despite** having an ulcer, Sarah did not contact the GP for two weeks.
- Sarah does not contact her GP **despite** having an ulcer.
- Sarah has had an ulcer for two weeks. **However**, she has not consult a GP.
- Sara has had an ulcer for two weeks. **However**, she has not contacted her GP.
- **Despite** having an ulcer, Sarah did not contact her GP

3) Mary/exercise bike /not use

- Mary has an exercise bike **but** she does not use it.
- **Despite** having an exercise bike, Mary does not use it.
- **Although** Mary has an exercise bike, she does not use it.
- Mary has an exercise bike. **However**, it is not used.

4) Janet / four cats/allergic

- Janet has four cats **despite** being allergic.
- **In spite of** being allergic, Jane has four cats.
- Jane has four cats **although** she is allergic.

5) eczema / Harry / use / not go away / ointment / eye

- Harry used ointment for his eye **but** the eczema did not go away.
- Harry has used ointment for his eye eczema. **However**, it has not gone away.
- **Despite** using ointment for his eye eczema, it won't go away.

Exercise 2

1. **Despite** *being* healthy, John always feels tired. (John always feels tired **but** he is healthy)
2. We were nervous about the operation **and** it was a terrible experience. (not contrasting)
3. Although I drink a lot of water, I still feel dehydrated.
4. Paul has no heart health issues **in spite of** *having* a family history of cardiac problems.
5. I want to reduce the cholesterol in my diet. **However**, I am not very skilled in the kitchen.
6. **Although** *he was prescribed* with metformin two months ago, Mr Smith **is** not compliant.

Exercise 3

Some possible answers:

1. Your condition has improved. (vitals not good enough/no discharge)

Your condition has improved **but** your vital signs are not good enough for discharge.

Your vital signs are not good enough for discharge **but** your condition has improved.

~~Your condition has improved **despite** your vital signs not being good enough for discharge. (doesn't make sense)~~

Your vital signs are not good enough for discharge **despite** your condition improving / an improvement in your condition

Despite your condition improving / an improvement in your condition, your vital signs are not good enough for discharge.

2. Mrs Smith was advised to reduce her cholesterol. (still high)
 - Mrs Smith was advised to reduce her cholesterol **but** it is still high.
 - **Despite** being advised to reduce it, Mrs Smith's cholesterol is still high.
 - **Despite** being advised to reduce her cholesterol, Mrs Smith's cholesterol is still high.
 - Mrs Smith was advised to reduce her cholesterol. However, it is still high.
 - Mrs Green's cholesterol level is still high **despite** being given advice to reduce it.
3. Most ACL repair patients need to start physio soon after the operation. (not Mr Green – meniscus / time to heal)

- Most ACL repair patients need to start physio soon after the operation *but* Mr Green does not *because* his meniscus needs time to heal.
- Most ACL repair patients need to start physio soon after the operation. *However,* Mr Green does not *because* his meniscus needs time to heal.
- *Although* Most ACL repair patients need to start physio soon after the operation, Mr Green does not *because* his meniscus needs time to heal.
- *Despite* most ACL repair patients *needing* to start physio soon after the operation, Mr Green does not *because* his meniscus needs time to heal.