

Contrast Clauses: Although, However, and Though

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

B2 | Upper Intermediate

Adverb

Clause

Complex sentence

Conjunction

Preposition

Punctuation

Semicolon

Sentence

Word order

1. Complete the roommate's defense of their terrible furniture choice.

"I admit that the neon green velvet sofa is a crime against interior design. It is incredibly comfortable, _____."

Select one.

- A) though
- B) although
- C) even though
- D) despite

2. Complete the detective's incident report about a very clumsy burglar by choosing the correct word for each gap.

The suspect successfully bypassed the high-tech laser grid, _____ he immediately tripped over the family's sleeping pool.

He was wearing a state-of-the-art stealth suit. The bright neon pink color, _____, made him incredibly easy to spot on the security cameras.

He had brought a massive duffel bag for the diamonds. He escaped with nothing but a half-eaten sandwich, _____.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) although
- B) however
- C) despite

Blank 2

- A) however
- B) although
- C) despite

Blank 3

- A) though
- B) although
- C) despite

3. Help the food critic complete her savage restaurant review.

The chef's signature dish was beautifully presented; _____, it tasted like salted cardboard.

Select one.

- A) although
- B) however
- C) though
- D) despite

4. Help the food critic finish her scathing review of a confusingly named restaurant by choosing the correct contrast word for each blank.

The chef claims the dish is a masterpiece. I found it tasted exactly like soggy cardboard, _____.

The flaming dessert was visually stunning; _____, it exploded when I touched it with my spoon.

I will probably eat there again next week _____ the prices are completely astronomical.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) though
- B) although
- C) despite

Blank 2

- A) however
- B) although
- C) despite

Blank 3

- A) although
- B) however
- C) despite

5. Help the food critic finalize her review of *The Garlic Paradox*. Select ALL the sentences that use contrast clauses and punctuation correctly.

Select all that apply.

- A) Although the dessert looked like a burnt tire, it tasted absolutely divine.
- B) The dessert looked like a burnt tire; however, it tasted absolutely divine.
- C) However the dessert looked like a burnt tire, it tasted absolutely divine.
- D) The dessert looked like a burnt tire, although, it tasted absolutely divine.

6. Complete the weary explorer's dramatic jungle diary entry.

_____ we had packed plenty of industrial-strength bug spray, the local mosquitoes treated us like an all-you-can-eat buffet. We somehow survived the first night; _____, I am seriously reconsidering my career choices. We finally found the golden idol this morning. I'm definitely not touching it, _____, because it looks heavily booby-trapped.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) Even though
- B) However
- C) Despite

Blank 2

- A) however
- B) although
- C) though

Blank 3

- A) though
- B) although
- C) however

7. Read the student's desperate email to their professor. Choose the appropriate contrast and transition word for each blank to complete the message.

I completed the entire essay on time; _____, my cat walked across the keyboard and permanently deleted the file.

I am asking for a 24-hour extension, _____ I know your syllabus strictly forbids late work under any circumstances.

I did manage to recover the title page and the bibliography, _____.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) however
- B) although
- C) therefore

Blank 2

- A) although
- B) however
- C) because

Blank 3

- A) though
- B) although
- C) moreover

8. Commander Ripley is trying to send a quick text update to Mission Control about a newly discovered alien. Choose ALL the grammatically correct ways she can express this contrast.

Select all that apply.

- A) The alien has eight tentacles. It is quite friendly, though.
- B) Although the alien has eight tentacles, it is quite friendly.
- C) The alien has eight tentacles; although, it is quite friendly.
- D) The alien has eight tentacles, however it is quite friendly.

9. Help the food critic finish their rather savage review of a trendy new restaurant.

The chef's "deconstructed taco" was visually stunning. I'm still not entirely sure how to eat it, _____. _____ the artistic presentation was flawless, the actual tortilla tasted like lightly seasoned cardboard. The dessert was surprisingly good. The prices, _____, were completely astronomical!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) though
- B) although
- C) despite

Blank 2

- A) Although
- B) However
- C) Therefore

Blank 3

- A) however
- B) although
- C) though

10. Choose the right word to complete the student's highly suspicious excuse.

_____ the aliens promised to return my math homework, I suspect they used it as spaceship fuel.

Select one.

- A) Although
- B) However
- C) Despite
- D) Nevertheless

11. Complete the passive-aggressive note left by a frustrated college roommate.

_____ I appreciate your deep love for tropical climates, setting our apartment thermostat to 85 degrees in December is simply unacceptable. I bought you a very thick, itchy wool sweater; _____, I expect you to actually wear it instead of turning our living room into a sauna.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) Although
- B) However
- C) Despite

Blank 2

- A) however
- B) although
- C) even though

12. A panicked college student is emailing their professor about a missing assignment. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use contrast words to excuse the delay.

Select all that apply.

- A) I finished the essay on time; however, my dog literally ate my laptop.
- B) Though I finished the essay on time, my dog literally ate my laptop.
- C) I finished the essay on time. My dog literally ate my laptop, though.
- D) I finished the essay on time. Although, my dog literally ate my laptop.
- E) I finished the essay on time, however, my dog literally ate my laptop.