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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 poodle.

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.