PDF 2 - Contrast & Concession.



LINKING WORDS / CONNECTORS

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Part 1: Quick Reference

- **Contrast (Sentence):** although / even though / though (+ subject + verb)
- Contrast (Separate sentence): *however* / *nevertheless* (+ comma)
- Contrast (Noun / -ing): *despite* / *in spite of* (+ noun / -ing)

Activity A: Choose the Best Option

1. *(Although / Despite)* working very hard, he didn't get the promotion.
2. The hotel room was clean and comfortable. *(However / Although)*, it was quite noisy at night.
3. She bought the car (even though / despite) it was quite expensive.
4. *(Despite / However)* the heavy traffic, we arrived at the meeting on time.
5. He went for a long run, *(although / however)* he felt a bit sick.
6. *(Though / Despite)* they practiced every day, they lost the final match.

Activity B: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentence using the word in brackets while keeping the same meaning.

1. He was very tired. He finished his homework. (Even though)

   → _____

2. The food was cold. We ate it anyway. (Despite)

   → _____

3. She had little experience. She got the job. (However)

   → She had little experience. _____

4. The price was high. They bought the house. (In spite of)

   → _____

Activity C: Multiple Choice Concession

Choose the correct linker for each gap.

1. *(Although / Despite)* the bad weather, we had a wonderful time outdoors.
2. He loves cooking, *(however / although)* he rarely has time to do it.
3. *(Even though / Despite)* she didn't speak the local language well, she managed to ask for directions.
4. The project was difficult. *(However / Because)*, the team finished it ahead of schedule.

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Answer Key

Activity A: Choose the Best Option

1. Despite
2. However
3. even though
4. Despite
5. however
6. Though

Activity B: Rewrite the Sentences

1. **Even though** he was very tired, he finished his homework.
2. **Despite** the cold food, we ate it anyway. (or: Despite the food being cold...)
3. She had little experience. **However**, she got the job.
4. **In spite of** the high price, they bought the house.

Activity C: Multiple Choice Concession

1. Despite
2. however
3. Even though
4. However