

Basic Group

According to the text

Usage: Starter

Example: According to the text the movie wasn't good.



Actually | In fact

Usage: Extra information

Example: The movie wasn't very good, actually it was terrible.

Regarding

Usage: Introduce a topic

Example: I will be speaking to her later today regarding your email.

Moreover

Usage: Adding an idea

Example: Apples are delicious and, moreover, great for your health.

However

Usage: Contradiction

Example: He went there, however we didn't see him.

Therefore | In conclusion

Usage: Conclusion

Example: We are a moral, ethical people and therefore we do not approve of their activities.

List

Starting

- According to the text
- The text states that
- The article appears to suggest
- The report deals with
- The paragraph relates to
- The teacher considers
- The text approaches the subject of

Approach a Theme

- Regarding
- In relation to
- When it comes to
- First of all | Firstly
- As we all know | As is well known
- It is clear that
- As far as I'm concerned

Contradicting an idea

- Even though | Though | However
- Instead of
- Nevertheless
- Otherwise
- On the other hand
- Despite

Reaffirming an idea

- Actually | In fact
- Because of that
- For that reason
- In addition
- On top of that

Adding an idea

- Furthermore
- Moreover
- Besides that
- As far as I know
- As far as I can tell
- To my knowledge
- For example | For instance

Conclusion | Connecting ideas

- Therefore
- At last
- In conclusion
- In summary
- To summarize

Even Though, Although, Though

EMBORA → although, though, even though, however

Use even though, although, though, with:

1. subject + verb:
 - **Although** it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.
 - I didn't get the job **although** I had all the necessary qualifications.

Despite, In Spite

APESAR DE → despite, in spite of

Use 'despite' or 'in spite of' with:

1. Noun
2. Pronoun (this/that/what etc.)
3. Ground "ing"
 - **Despite / In spite of** the rain, we enjoyed our holiday.
 - **Despite / in spite of** that, he was hired.
 - I didn't get the job **despite / in spite of** having all the necessary qualifications.

Check the possibilities below:

- Despite **my uncertainty** about the security of my job, I went to work as normal.
- Despite **being** uncertain about the security of my job, I went to work as normal.

- Despite **his grey** hair, he's not that old.
- or Despite **having grey hair**, he's much younger than he looks.

- Despite **my hunger**, I'm not going for lunch yet.
- Despite **being hungry**, I'm not going for lunch yet.

Despite is similar to "in spite of", but **without "of"**.

You can also use: "in spite of the fact (that)..." or "despite the fact (that)..."

Extra information

Nevertheless – mesmo assim, *todavia*, *apesar disso*, *no entanto*.

I am going to tell you about a result or effect which is unexpected.

Example: The accident wasn't her fault. Nevertheless, she felt terrible.

My father didn't do very well at school. Nevertheless, _____.

Nonetheless - *apesar de tudo*.

Usage: This is similar to "nevertheless".

Example: "The study had its limitations, but it was nonetheless groundbreaking for its day."

Notwithstanding - *apesar disto*, *no entanto*, *não obstante*.

Usage: This is another way of saying "nevertheless".

Example: "Notwi

thstanding the limitations of the methodology used, it was an important study in the development of how we view the workings of the human mind."

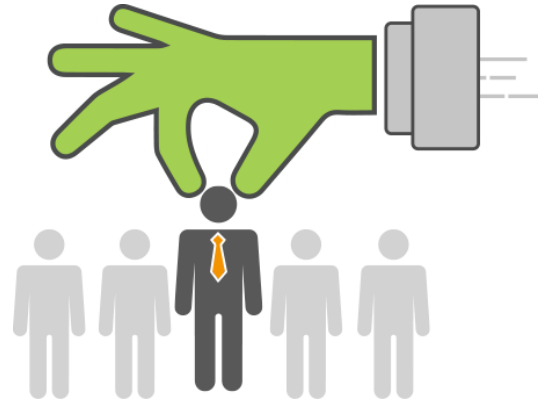
Whilst – enquanto, *apesar de que*.

Usage: This is another way of saying "while" and "although".

Example:

- a) Whilst every effort is made to ensure the quality, some errors might occur.
- b) In our country, 10% of the population claims 48% of the entire national income whilst 50% of the population shares only 15% of the national income.

Exercises



1) Use (EVEN THOUGH) (HOWEVER) and (THOUGH) below.

- _____ I would like to work here, they haven't hired me.
- I would like to work here. _____, they haven't hired me.
- I would like to work here, they haven't hired me _____.

Join the sentences in different ways using the words in parentheses.

- George was rich. He wasn't a happy man. (*but / although / however*)
- Jo called me from a phone booth. She lost her cell. (*because / so*)

Answers
1. George was rich, but he wasn't a happy man.
Although George was rich, he wasn't a happy man.
George was rich. However, he wasn't a happy man.
2. Jo called me from a phone booth because she'd lost her cell.
Jo had lost her cell, so she called me from a phone booth.

2) Put the words in the correct order.

- call she even would she though said she didn't

- better you'd otherwise hurry train you'll the miss

- I week enjoyed the weather despite the

- manages she to stay cheerful everything despite

- weekend they're next though I don't coming know which day

3) Complete with transition words. Sometimes it's possible to use more than one.

- I should not have any more chocolate, _____ I feel like it.
- He enjoys selling and, _____, he is good at it.
- _____ I didn't want any more dessert, but Julia forced it on me.
- We are living a terrible crisis. In the electronics industry, _____, 5.000 jobs are being lost.
- I will be speaking to her later today _____ the subject.
- _____ she hasn't really got the time, she still offered to help.
- I enjoyed the new book, _____ it's not as good as the last one.
- We were unable to get funding and _____ had to abandon the project.
- Come in now, it's raining, _____ you'll get wet.
- He was an absolute failure in medical school, so he decided to try law _____.
- She got the job _____ the fact that she had very little experience.
- You'd better wear a helmet when you go roller-blading, _____, you could hurt yourself.
- Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary, _____, it can also help you improve your grammar.
- The student's essay was badly written, _____, it was too short.
- We hope to receive the order on time, _____ we will cancel.
- Lucie was a terrible employee _____ she got promoted.



4) Choose the correct option.

- 1) _____ an invoice is paid by check, make sure it is deposited as soon as possible.
- however
 - whenever
 - because
 - no matter
- 2) _____ he can, the director will receive you.
- that's why
 - as long as
 - actually
 - as soon as
- 3) Several years ago, a tobacco company attempted to sell a cigarette that made no smoke _____, people who tested that product did not like the way it tasted.
- however
 - despite
 - because
 - no matter
- 4) She feels like giving up her job _____ the consequences she will face.
- as a result
 - regardless of
 - since
 - though
- 5) The experts found that between forty million and eighty million people have been forced to move from their homes _____ dams.
- hence
 - so long as
 - because of
 - though
- 6) _____ you fail, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have tried.
- unlike
 - provided
 - but for
 - even if
- 7) While eating sweets, the brain instantly releases endorphins which make us feel happy and reduce pain. _____ many pediatricians give sweets to children while giving injections.
- that's why
 - as long as
 - no matter what
 - since
- 8) You should encourage your child to eat all food _____ he will get a well-balanced meal.
- nevertheless
 - even though
 - so that
 - for instance
- 9) _____ they tried hard, the students could not complete the project in time as they had some troubles.
- although
 - as
 - since
 - despite
- 10) Bicycles are the most preferable way of transport in town, _____ cars and buses just cause air pollution.
- whereas
 - even though
 - whenever
 - as long as