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CONTRASTIVE CONJUNCTIONS

Listen to the monologues. Decide what topic is being talked about and what conjunctions are used in the monologues.

1. Drinking coffee in the morning while having bread and jam is really enjoyable. _____, drinking too much coffee is not good for our health. You may become addicted and, in the long run, the coffee may cause adrenal exhaustion.
2. Some people agree that the national examination is useful. The national examination can determine the national education standard in Indonesia. _____, those who don't agree say that the national examination can trigger dishonesty amongst students.
3. Nuclear power costs about the same as coal, so it's not expensive to make. _____, nuclear power is very dangerous and can cause major disasters.
4. Mobile phones are very convenient because you can make calls from nearly anywhere even in emergency situations. Mobile phones make communication easier, _____, making calls while driving a car or motorcycle is dangerous and against the law.
5. _____ the Internet's positive impacts to education, some people argue that the Internet degrades the quality of research, especially physical library research.
6. _____ solar energy is cheaper than fossil fuels, the equipment for converting sunlight into electricity is very expensive to buy and many people can't afford it.

Listen to a monologue and then fill the blank.

Good morning listeners. I'm very happy to accompany you for 30 minutes and discuss the 1. _____ of infotainment on TV. Do you like news about the personal lives of celebrities and enjoy infotainment on TV? 2. _____ many

people condemn infotainment for the information reported, high-rating infotainment on TV provides a means of livelihood for many, both infotainment journalists and celebrities.

We interviewed 20 listeners by phone about this topic. Ten interviewees thought that infotainment 3. _____ celebrities to 4. _____ in public. Infotainment doesn't always air celebrities' dirty laundry. Besides, the information is based on facts. Journalists, on these programmes, always try to find the truth behind the gossip. Celebrities need such programmes to give them a higher profile. What I mean is that these programmes give a room for mutual needs between reporters and celebrities. Reporters need stories, while celebrities need fame. Usually reporters start a story based on a 'signal' from the celebrity. For example, gossip about someone cheating on their spouse that has made the public curious. There is a saying 'where there's smoke, there's fire.'

On the other hand, 10 interviewees stated that information reported on infotainment is about 5. _____ or talking about the bad aspects of their personal lives. Sometimes the programmes talk excessively about other people's personal lives, like divorce and cheating on a spouse. Sometimes the programmes report news without seeking the truth or confirming the information.

So in conclusion, infotainment has become a _____ for some viewers. On the one hand, these programmes can run stories on how celebrities have built their careers and how they feel about being famous but, on the other hand, these programmes can also bring terrible consequences, especially related to people's personal lives. Well listeners, I'm waiting for other views about infotainment. Just call me at 021 844 8895.