

CONTRAST LINKERS

However / Nevertheless express contrast and normally go at the beginning of a sentence, after a stop, and followed by a comma.

- *I know I have to study harder. Nevertheless / However, I always find more interesting things to do*

Although / even though express contrast and are normally followed by a subject and a verb.

- *Although / even though I tried to get on time, the film had already started when I got there.*

In spite of / Despite express contrast and are followed by a noun or a gerund

- *In spite / Despite the bad weather, Alice went to the beach*

In spite of the fact that / Despite the fact that express contrast and are followed by a subject and verb

1. Choose the correct answer

- a) Earning money is important. **However / On the one hand**, teenagers also need some free time.
- b) Sometimes teens have to work on school nights **however / although** they're only able to work a few hours.
- c) **Even though / Nevertheless** many teenagers want to work, it is not always easy to find a job.
- d) A job can help a teenager to learn to be responsible, **but / on the other hand**, not all teenagers are ready for this kind of responsibility.
- e) On the one hand, most teenagers feel good about having a job. **On the other hand / Although**, working means less time for friends and school.
- f) In my opinion, it's important for teenagers to work. **Even though / Nevertheless**, they should choose their jobs carefully.
- g) **However / Although** he had a lot of money, he spent very little.

2. Rewrite the sentences with the connector in brackets. Use the correct punctuation.

- a) I usually look for bargains. I can't always find the items I want on sale (although)
- b) I love brand-name clothes. They're often too expensive for me (however)

c) It's difficult to work and do well at school. I know I have to try to do both (nevertheless)

d) I really want to work during the summer. I don't think it will be easy to find a job (in spite of the fact that)

e) Shopping for clothes online can be cheap. Sometimes it's important to try things on first (Even though)

3. Complete the text with the connectors given. Do not use each connector more than once.

even though • although • nevertheless • however • on the other hand • on the one hand • but

Tiping for a Coffee: Should We or Shouldn't We?

In recent years, it's become common for a "tip jar" to be placed near tills at the type of cafés where customers queue for coffee. Some customers put a tip into the jar because they feel obligated to, ^{1.} is it reasonable for there to be a tip jar at all?

^{2.} , it's true that workers in many cafés may earn only minimum wage. In addition, they are expected to serve customers quickly and efficiently.

^{3.} , the same is true for people such as shop assistants, who customers are not expected to tip ^{4.} shop assistants are expected to provide excellent service. So why should we tip café workers simply for making coffee or putting a biscuit into a bag?

In conclusion, I do not think tip jars are appropriate in these types of cafés. It is unfair to ask customers to tip for standing in a queue for a cup of coffee. ^{5.} , I do think that workers should be paid better salaries.

