

Contrast Words: Usage and Examples

Contrast words are used to show differences between two ideas, actions, or things. They help make your writing clearer by emphasizing these differences.

1. **But:**
 - **Usage:** Connects two contrasting ideas within the same sentence.
 - **Example:** "I wanted to go for a walk, but it started raining."
2. **Although/Though:**
 - **Usage:** Introduces a contrast, often with surprising or unexpected information.
 - **Example:** "Although she was tired, she finished her homework."
3. **Unlike:**
 - **Usage:** Compares two different things or people, highlighting how they are different.
 - **Example:** "Unlike his brother, Tom is very talkative."
4. **While:**
 - **Usage:** Shows contrast between two actions or conditions happening at the same time.
 - **Example:** "I was studying while my brother was playing video games."
5. **Instead:**
 - **Usage:** Indicates a substitution or an alternative action.
 - **Example:** "I didn't go out. Instead, I stayed home and read a book."
6. **In Contrast:**
 - **Usage:** Used to introduce a difference between two ideas, often in different sentences or clauses.
 - **Example:** "The south of the country is hot and dry. In contrast, the north is cold and rainy."

I. Understanding Contrast Words

1. **Matching Exercise:**
 - **Instructions:** Match the contrast word with its definition.
 - **Words:** but, although, unlike, while, instead, in contrast
 - **Definitions:**
 1. Used to introduce something that is different from what you have just mentioned.
 2. Used to show a difference between two things.
 3. Used to introduce a statement that makes the main statement seem surprising.
 4. Used to show a choice or preference.
 5. Used to introduce a direct opposite.
 6. Used to compare two actions happening at the same time.
2. **Fill in the Blanks:**
 - **Instructions:** Complete the sentences with the correct contrast word.
 - **Sentences:**
 1. I like tea, _____ my brother prefers coffee.
 2. _____ it was raining, we went for a walk.
 3. Sarah is tall, _____ Jane is short.
 4. I wanted to go out, _____ I stayed home to study.
 5. The weather is hot here, _____ it is cold in my hometown.
 6. John was playing video games, _____ his sister was doing her homework.

II. Contrast Sentences

1. Rewrite the Sentences:

- **Instructions:** Rewrite the sentences using a different contrast word.
- **Sentences:**
 1. I was tired, but I went to the party.
 2. Unlike his brother, Tom is very talkative.
 3. She didn't study hard. Instead, she watched TV all night.
 4. I enjoy swimming, while my friend prefers running.
 5. Although it was expensive, I bought the dress.
 6. The weather was warm in the morning. In contrast, it became cold in the evening.

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2. Combine the Sentences:

- **Instructions:** Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable contrast word.
- **Pairs of Sentences:**
 1. She likes chocolate. He likes vanilla.
 2. I was late. My friend was on time.
 3. The movie was interesting. The book was boring.
 4. I studied hard for the exam. I didn't get a good grade.
 5. He is good at math. His sister struggles with numbers.

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II. Writing Practice

1. Short Paragraph Writing:

- **Instructions:** Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) using at least three contrast words.
- **Topic Suggestions:**
 1. Compare two of your friends.
 2. Talk about two different hobbies you enjoy.
 3. Describe a situation where you made a different choice than someone else.
 4. Compare life in the city and life in the countryside.
 5. Discuss the differences between two subjects you study at school.
 6. Write about two different ways to spend your weekend.

III. Error Correction

1. Correct the Mistakes:

- **Instructions:** Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences.
- **Sentences:**
 1. She is very friendly, although she doesn't have many friends.
 2. I wanted to go to the park, while it started to rain.
 3. Unlike, my sister, I am good at sports.
 4. I enjoy watching movies in the theater, but, I don't like watching them at home.
 5. In contrast of his brother, John is very quiet.

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