

EXPRESSING CONTRAST

Study these examples;

Even though it is old, it still works perfectly!

While it may look ugly, it is very productive.

Nevertheless, we will buy a new one soon.

- A.** We use adverb clause markers of contrast to show that two ideas are not the same, usually in an unexpected way. The clause markers, which always come at the beginning of a clause are:

although even though though whereas while

- B.** We can also use **while** and **whereas** to introduce contrast between two ideas. They are usually between the two ideas in location.

*I have green eyes **while** my brother has blue eyes.*

*I have green eyes **whereas** my brother has blue eyes.*

- C.** We can also use **however** and **nevertheless** to separate two contrasting ideas. Note the punctuation options with these words.

*I love playing soccer; **however**, I rarely have the time to play.*

*I love playing soccer. **However**, I rarely have the time to play.*

*I love playing soccer; **nevertheless**, I rarely have the time to play.*

*I love playing soccer. **Nevertheless**, I rarely have the time to play.*

Match the clauses and then combine them into sentences on the back side of this worksheet using **although**, **even though**, **while**, or **whereas**.

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| _____ 1. Bill is rich. | A. He doesn't know what to buy. |
| _____ 2. Bill has a lot of "friends" | B. He doesn't like his job. |
| _____ 3. Bill works hard every day | C. None of them would help him if he needed it. |
| _____ 4. Bill has a lot of money | D. None of them feels like home. |
| _____ 5. Many people want to meet him. | E. He doesn't want to meet them. |
| _____ 6. Bill has several houses. | F. He isn't happy. |

1. ***Although Bill is rich, he isn't happy***

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