

Contrast links

1 Choose the two correct contrast links in italics in each sentence.

1. 30 years ago almost everyone lived in the countryside *whereas / even though / while* nowadays most people live in cities.
2. *Whereas / Although / However* the poorest 10% have become poorer, the richest 1% are now even richer.
3. *In spite of / Despite the fact that / Even though* aid has increased, famine still exists.
4. A generation ago most doctors were male. *In contrast / While / However*, today the majority are female.
5. *Contrary to / Whereas / In spite of* what many people think, discrimination is still common.
6. By law all children must attend school. *Nevertheless / Despite this / Although*, many still work in the fields.
7. *In spite of the fact that / In contrast / Though* the war is over, the border region is still dangerous.
8. The south of the country is flooded. *Conversely / Contrary to / On the other hand*, the north is suffering from drought.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

1. Many ordinary criminals have been released, though political prisoners remain in jail.
Whereas
2. Health care has improved, but it is still not up to the international standards.
Even
3. Although unemployment has fallen, the number of homeless people has risen.
In spite
4. Though the workers' income is increasing, their quality of life is going down.
On the one hand
5. That country produces a lot of food, but ordinary people have little to eat.
Despite the fact
6. Some people say that we spend enough on overseas aid, but this is not true.
Contrary
7. In spite of the rise in fruit prices, farmers are getting paid less.
Although
8. The Government bans all opposition but claims the country is a democracy.
The Government claims the country is a democracy. Conversely,