

## Clauses and phrases showing contrast and exception

The following are additional common phrases that show contrast and exception.

Use **whereas**, especially in formal writing, to present contrasting information.

Whereas the bottled water market is huge in Italy, it is very small in Japan.

Use **except (for)** or **with the exception of** to show an exception within a group.

Everyone in my family, **except for** my mother, plays a musical instrument.

Everyone in my family, **with the exception of** my mother, plays a musical instrument.

1 Circle the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1. While / *Unlike* Leo prefers a big breakfast, I just have coffee.
2. No one in the class, *except that* / *with the exception of* Eva, can speak German.
3. *In contrast to* / *While* city people, those who live on farms must have a car.
4. *Unlike* / *Except for* Thai women, Spanish women greet each other with a kiss.
5. I'm a typical Canadian, *whereas* / *except for the fact that* I don't like hockey.
6. Most Americans have dinner by 7:00, *whereas* / *unlike* in Spain people eat later.
7. Everyone on our street, *except that* / *except for* my family, has a pet.
8. *Unlike* / *While* me, all my friends are addicted to reality shows on TV.

2 Read about Alonzo and Jun. Complete the sentences with an expression to show contrast or exception. More than one answer is possible.

| Alonzo (26 years old) . . .             | Jun (21 years old) . . .               |
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| finished college four years ago.        | is in his third year of college.       |
| considers himself to be pretty typical. | doesn't think he's really typical.     |
| plays and watches all kinds of sports.  | doesn't play any sports.               |
| isn't crazy about baseball.             | doesn't watch any sport but baseball.  |
| has a high salary and eats out often.   | doesn't work and always cooks at home. |
| wears a suit on weekdays.               | always dresses very casually.          |

1. Jun is still in college, whereas / while Alonzo has already graduated.
2. Alonzo considers himself to be pretty typical, \_\_\_\_\_ Jun doesn't.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jun, Alonzo is a big sports fan.
4. Alonzo is a fan of most sports \_\_\_\_\_ baseball.
5. Alonzo has dinner in restaurants, \_\_\_\_\_ Jun usually can't afford to eat out.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Alonzo, Jun hardly ever dresses up.
7. Alonzo has a good job, \_\_\_\_\_ Jun isn't working now.
8. Jun and Alonzo are very different, \_\_\_\_\_ they are both in their 20s.

