

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) . . .
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.

