

A

As well (as), what's more, in addition (to), besides

We often link ideas using *and*, e.g. The food's nice **and** very good value. There are other words and phrases we also use to add more information. Sometimes we still include *and* or *also*.

The restaurant has excellent food; it's **also** very good value.

You always get a good view, *and* the seats are comfortable **as well**. (*syn too*)

As well as getting cheaper tickets, I *also* got the opportunity to buy them in advance.

The clothes are nice, *and* **what's more**, the shop is open every day of the week.

The scheme gives young people experience. **In addition**, companies can afford to employ them.

In addition to the new food department, they're *also* planning to open a café.

Besides being a mum with four children, she's *also* a successful designer.

B

Although, despite, in spite of

We use these link words when there are two ideas in a sentence, and the second is surprising or not expected. They can be used at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence.

Although / **Even though** the sun was shining, it wasn't very warm.

We found the place quite easily, **although** / **even though** we didn't know where it was.

They went for a walk **despite the fact that** it was raining.

Despite having no money, he **still** seemed very happy.

They got there on time **in spite of** the delay.

In spite of all the problems, we **still** enjoyed the trip.

Language help

We can use **still** to emphasise that we didn't expect something to happen or be true, e.g. *He didn't do any work but he **still** passed the exam; The work is very hard, but he **still** enjoys it.*

C

However, yet, though

We can use **however** and **yet** when the second part of an idea is surprising after the first part. *However* is often used to link ideas in two separate sentences. **Though** can be used in a similar way in spoken English, but usually comes at the end of the sentence. Notice the use of commas (,) here, and the different positions of *however*.

I don't agree with a lot of his methods. **However**, he is a very good teacher.

We didn't particularly like the house. The garden, **however**, was wonderful.

It was warm and sunny when we were there. Most of the time, **however**, it's quite cold.

We went in the autumn, **yet** it was still quite warm.

I didn't like the film much. I'm glad I went to see it, **though**.

They told us the shop was next to the station. We never found it, **though**.

D

While and whereas

We can use **while** and **whereas** to compare two different facts or situations.

Alex is very quick to understand, **whereas/while** the others are quite slow.

I get £20 an hour, **while** Josh only gets £12.

The speed limit on this road is 80kph, **whereas** it's 130kph on the motorway.

I was very keen on the film, **whereas** Christoph didn't like it at all.

Exercises

93.1 Put the words into the correct column.

in addition although in spite of as well however also what's more despite									
words that add more information					words that introduce surprising information				
in addition									

93.2 Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences. Sometimes both are correct.

- 1 Although / In spite of we left late, we still got there in time.
- 2 She's going on holiday with friends. Her parents, *however* / *whereas*, are not very happy about it.
- 3 We decided to work *in spite of* / *despite* the fact we were on holiday.
- 4 They enjoyed the course, *even though* / *as well* it was very difficult.
- 5 I told John the car was too expensive. *However* / *Although*, he still bought it.
- 6 Most people tried to help us. They were very friendly *too* / *as well*.
- 7 Ethan spends his time in the library, *while* / *whereas* the others are always playing football.
- 8 It was a fantastic evening, *although* / *despite* the terrible food.

93.3 Combine parts from each column to form five short texts.

She went to school today	in spite of	she was never happy in the job.
She always worked hard in class,	although	she is very experienced.
She has the ability to do the job.	However,	the help I gave her.
She didn't pass the exam	whereas	she didn't feel very well.
She worked there for ten years.	What's more,	most of her classmates were lazy.

She went to school today although she didn't feel very well.

93.4 Complete the sentences.

- 1 People say the hotel is very good. It's *also* quite cheap.
- 2 the fact that they were busy, they helped us.
- 3 It's not the best dictionary you can buy., it's better than nothing.
- 4 She managed to get there, she didn't have a map like the others.
- 5 heavy rain, they've also had very strong winds.
- 6 She's the youngest in the group, and she's better than most of them
- 7 I think you can do it. It won't be easy,
- 8 I was right at the back at the concert, I could hear everything.

93.5 Complete the sentences in a suitable way.

- 1 Although it's an old skirt, *I still like it. (OR it still looks nice.)*
- 2 My parents get up at 7.30, whereas
- 3 We enjoyed the holiday in spite of
- 4 If you buy a season ticket, you can travel as often as you like. What's more,
- 5 The exam was very difficult. However,
- 6 I understood what she was saying, although
- 7 My uncle is nearly 70, but he still