

Linking Words

Contrast and Purpose

Complete the following sentences with a suitable linking word to indicate contrast or purpose. Consider the sentence carefully to decide also if you need an affirmative or negative meaning. In some cases, more than one option is possible.

1. I often write words on post-it notes _____ remember vocabulary more easily.
2. I would really like to buy a new car, _____ I don't really need it.
3. I told my sister a white lie _____ hurt her feelings.
4. My children have been learning Chinese for three years now _____ they can be competitive in the future job market.
5. I wouldn't mind working in the theatre, _____ it is difficult to make a living as an actor.
6. I never use my smartphone _____ check emails because it's too inconvenient.
7. I would love to visit India just _____ try the local cuisine.
8. Many young girls put on a lot of make-up when they go out _____ people think that they are older.
9. My baking skills are still quite poor _____ trying hard to make them better.
10. The high-heeled green suede boots I bought on the sales are really uncomfortable. _____, I still wear them from time to time.

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