

Exercise 7

Read the paragraph about why businesses should accept an element of social responsibility. Choose the correct words and phrases for balancing views to complete the sentences.

First and foremost, although/ in spite of/ otherwise being in competition with each other, organisations have to conduct business in a fair and ethical way in order to maintain a level playing field in the market, likewise/ otherwise/ yet those that disobey the rules will be able to disregard environmental and human rights issues to gain a competitive advantage. Intense business activity can create many environmental and social problems, including the contamination of air and water resources as well as mental health issues for employees, despite/ in spite of/ yet these costs are never accounted for, and are usually a burden on society as a whole. Lastly, employees may have other motivations beyond simply earning an income, and although/ however/ that said this might conflict with their employers' interests, they should be free to choose who they give their time and expertise to.