

CONNECTING IDEAS: FROM B1 TO B2

1. Quick rule

WHEREAS / WHILE → compare two different things

Loyalists generally wanted to remain in the UK, **whereas** nationalists wanted a united Ireland.

While loyalist murals often show British symbols, republican murals often show Irish symbols.

ALTHOUGH → something surprising or unexpected — ONE sentence

Although Ervine and Devenny came from opposing communities, they worked together.

HOWEVER → contrast with the previous idea — NEW sentence

Ervine and Devenny came from opposing communities. **However**, they worked together.

2. Fill in the blanks

Complete with **whereas**, **while**, **although** or **however**.

1. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, _____ the Republic of Ireland is an independent country.
2. _____ Belfast is in the United Kingdom, some of its inhabitants identify as Irish.
3. Loyalist murals often contain British symbols, _____ republican murals frequently represent Irish nationalism.
4. Mark Ervine grew up in a loyalist community. _____, he later worked with republican muralist Danny Devenny.
5. _____ Ervine and Devenny lived quite close to each other, the Troubles kept them apart.
6. Some people in Northern Ireland identify as British, _____ others identify as Irish or Northern Irish.
7. Belfast's murals traditionally represented political and national divisions. _____, some modern murals focus on subjects such as climate change, women's rights and culture.
8. _____ murals can express the identity of a community, they can also create connections between people.
9. Unionist communities traditionally supported remaining in the United Kingdom, _____ nationalist communities generally supported Irish unity.
10. Ervine and Devenny came from very different political backgrounds. _____, they shared an interest in art and social issues.

Challenge

Rewrite using the connector given.

11. Ervine was a loyalist. Devenny was a republican.

WHEREAS → _____

12. They came from opposing communities. They became friends.

ALTHOUGH → _____

13. Belfast was deeply divided during the Troubles. The two men lived only a short distance apart.

HOWEVER → _____

14. Loyalist murals emphasise British identity. Republican murals represent Irish nationalism.

WHILE → _____