

THE LANGUAGE ENGAGEMENT METHOD

# COMPARE and CONTRAST



EXERCISES AND  
ANSWERS INCLUDED

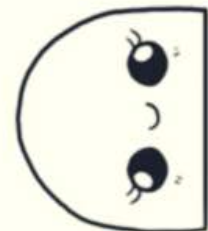
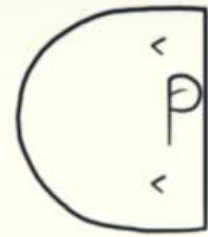
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# KEY WORDS: COMPARISON

1. Used positively, **as.....as** denotes a comparison between two things that are the same as each other, whereas **than** denotes a comparison between two things that are different. Either of them used negatively can have the same meaning as the alternative used positively. Thus:

I am not as tall as you = You are taller than me



You are as silly as your dog = Your dog is no more silly than you, and you are no more silly than your dog

2. COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE WITH EITHER:  
**AS - MORE - THAN**  
ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE!

1. My telephone isn't as modern .... your one.
2. This watch looks nice but it's more expensive .... the other.
3. Your car is the same make .... mine.
4. That film wasn't ..... good as the last one we saw together.
5. I didn't know you were the same age ... me. When is your birthday?
6. This is a nice house but your house is ... beautiful.
7. We have less time ... you think! Come on - let's go.
8. What a great beach - the other beach was ... crowded too.
9. You are not ... intelligent as your boss.
10. You must be very hungry. You took ... food than me.



# KEY WORDS: COMPARISON

3. The following words signal that two pieces are being compared:
- |               |   |                 |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| also          |   | in the same way |
| as well as    |   | in addition     |
| both          |   | just as         |
| comparatively |  | like            |
| the same as   |  | most important  |
| too           |   | similarly       |

4. COMBINE THE TWO IDEAS INTO ONE SENTENCE USING THE COMPARISON SIGNAL WORD BELOW:

SIMILARLY JUST AS BOTH...AND EQUALLY LIKE AND...(TOO)

1. Newspapers and magazines need advertising to pay their costs.

Radio and television need advertising to pay their costs.

2 Ideas Combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. The media reach millions of people around the world.

The Internet reaches people everywhere.

2 Ideas Combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Most people read a daily newspaper.

Most people listen to the radio or watch TV every day.

2 Ideas Combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Printed pictures are powerful advertising media.

Video is power advertising media.

2 Ideas Combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



ANSWERS TO  
EXERCISE 2 (AS  
- MORE - THAN)

Question 1 - as.

Question 2 - than.

Question 3 - as.

Question 4 - as.

Question 5 - as.

Question 6 - more.

Question 7 - than.

Question 8 - more.

Question 9 - as.

Question 10 -more.



# CONTRASTING VOCABULARY

## HOWEVER

'However' can be used to join two simple sentences into a compound sentence. 'However' indicates that the relationship between the two independent clauses is one of **contrast** or **opposition**.

*Joe Biden won the US 2020 Presidential Election; however, many Americans decided not to acknowledge it.*

Use a semi-colon (;) before and a comma (,) after however when you are using it in the middle of a compound sentence.



### CAN I USE "HOWEVER" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE?

YES, YOU CAN. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU DO, IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMA, AND WHAT APPEARS AFTER THE COMMA MUST BE A COMPLETE SENTENCE (SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT). IT WILL ALWAYS BE PRECEDED BY THE CONTRASTING SENTENCE, THOUGH.

*Living abroad is a great way to learn a new language. However, there are other ways to improve your language skills.*

*You may focus on new words as much as you can. However, if you do not practice them enough, you will not feel confident and use them.*



### IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO USE 'HOWEVER'?

YES, IT CAN MEAN 'IN WHATEVER MANNER', 'BY WHATEVER MEANS' OR 'TO WHATEVER EXTENT'. IN THIS CASE, THERE IS NO COMMA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORD:

*Loving a dog is the best thing in life, however much you suffer when you need to let them go...*

*However you analyse this exam, the results are insufficient for the student to pass.*

*However much I respect him, I can't agree with him on this occasion.*

*I mustn't have any more chocolate, however much I feel like it.*

OVER TO YOU:  
OBAMA AND TRUMP WERE BOTH AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. \_\_\_\_\_  
THEY COULD NOT BE MORE DIFFERENT ONE FROM THE OTHER  
  
THE ALLEGED 50% APPROVAL RATING FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP, \_\_\_\_\_  
WAS ALTERED FROM THE ORIGINAL CNN GRAPHIC, WHICH READ 40%

# IN SPIKE OF



# DESPITE

DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, THEY WORK IDENTICALLY IN A SENTENCE. IN OTHER WORDS, THESE TWO PREPOSITIONS, IN SPIKE OF WHAT YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, ARE BASICALLY IDENTICAL. IN MOST CASES, BOTH MEAN "NOTWITHSTANDING," "EVEN THOUGH," OR "REGARDLESS OF."



SO, WHAT SHOULD I USE AFTER 'IN SPIKE OF' OR 'DESPITE'?

GREAT QUESTION! THESE TWO NEED TO BE FOLLOWED BY A NOUN, A NOUN PHRASE OR A -ING FORM. THEY ARE NEVER FOLLOWED BY A FULL SENTENCE.

In spite of being tired today, I decided to go for a run.

Despite being tired today, I decided to go for a run.

Despite some initial difficulties, the students felt more confident at the end.

# ALTHOUGH

THIS WORD HAS THE SAME MEANING AS 'IN SPIKE OF', BUT IS FOLLOWED BY A FULL SENTENCE (SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT). YOU CAN USE IT AT THE BEGINNING OF A COMPOUND SENTENCE OR BETWEEN THE TWO ELEMENTS YOU WANT TO JOIN. THE COMMA WILL BE PLACED BETWEEN THE 2 SHORT SENTENCES WE ARE JOINING.

Although I wanted to call him, I decided I did not have the energy at the moment and I put the call off until tomorrow.

I took up yoga, although the course I really wanted to take was Pilates.

It was great to see all my students, although some of them had connection issues.

He was in love with her although he did not want to acknowledge it.



IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO USE 'ALTHOUGH'?

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU REALISE THAT THE MEANING OF 'ALTHOUGH' IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SENTENCE IS JUST LIKE THE MEANING OF 'BUT'. CHECK IT OUT!

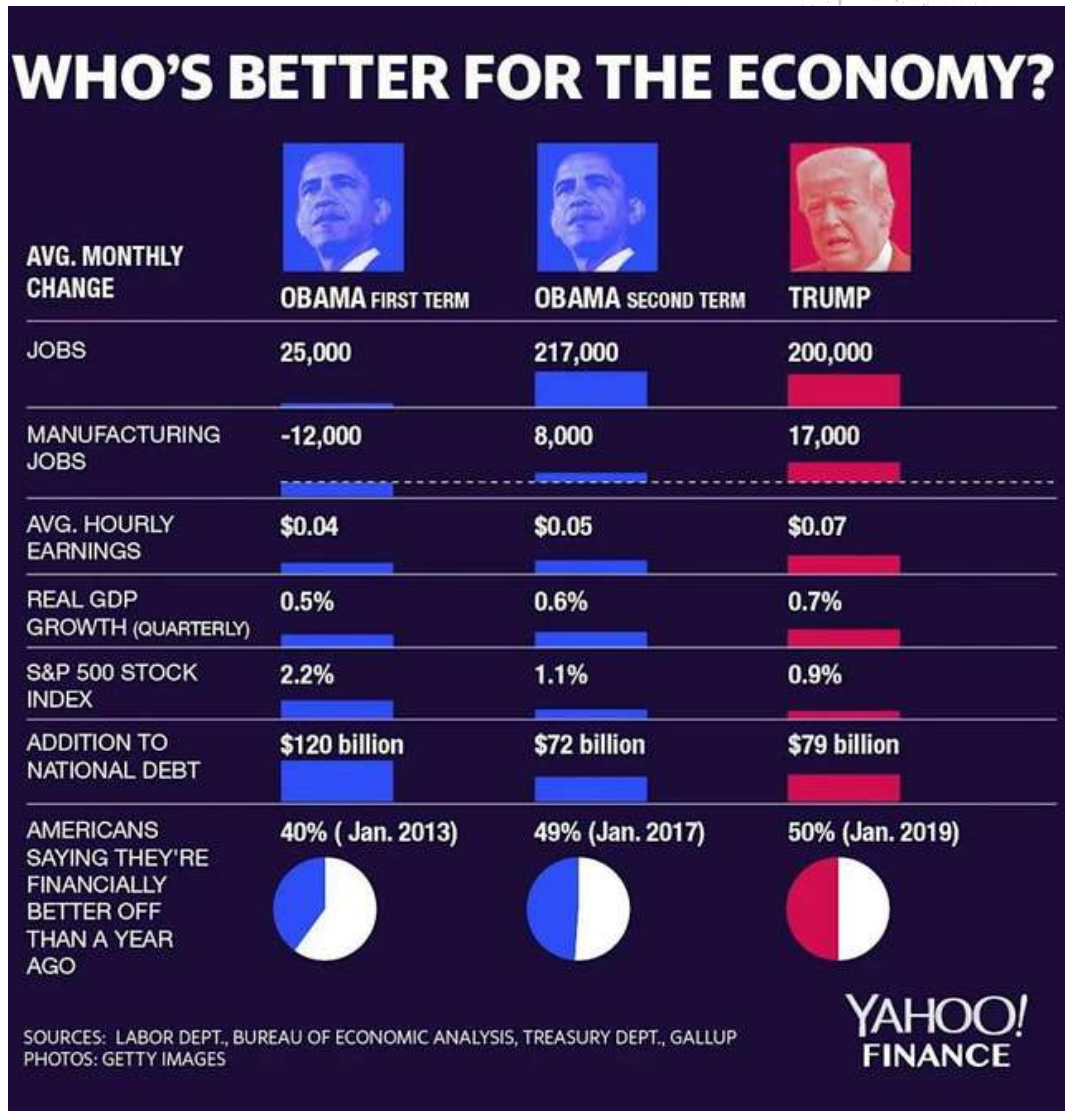
Ed is coming to stay next week although I'm not sure what day he is coming.

# MORE CONTRASTING KEY WORDS



YOU CAN USE THE FOLLOWING WORDS TO SIGNAL THAT TWO PIECES ARE BEING CONTRASTED:

ALTHOUGH  
 BESIDES  
 BUT  
 COMPARED WITH  
 CONVERSELY  
 DIFFER  
 EVEN THOUGH  
 FURTHERMORE  
 HOWEVER  
 IN CONTRAST TO  
 INSTEAD  
 LESS THAN  
 MORE THAN  
 NEVERTHELESS  
 NOTWITHSTANDING  
 ON THE OTHER HAND  
 OTHERWISE  
 RATHER THAN  
 REGARDLESS  
 THOUGH  
 UNLESS  
 UNLIKE  
 WHILE  
 YET



LOOK AT THE DATA IN THE YAHOO FINANCE COMPARISON CHART. TRY TO CONTRAST ANY OF THE FIGURES USING THE WORDS ON THE LEFT.



# EXERCISES

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CONTRASTING WORD BELOW. MAKE SURE YOU CORRECT YOUR EXERCISES IMMEDIATELY TO VERIFY IF YOU GOT IT RIGHT!

HE WAS VERY FAST..... BEING TERRIBLY OVERWEIGHT.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

..... HE IS KNOWN TO ONLY A FEW, HIS REPUTATION AMONG THEM IS VERY GREAT.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

MPEC IS IS DOING EXTREMELY WELL..... THE RECESSION CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

PEOPLE TEND TO PUT ON WEIGHT IN MIDDLE AGE. .... , GAINING WEIGHT CAN BE AVOIDED

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

..... MUCH YOU SPEND, I WILL REIMBURSE YOU.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

..... I WAS ONLY SIX, I CAN REMEMBER SEEING IT ON TV.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

ARRANGE YOUR HOURS ..... YOU LIKE.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

WE HAVE NOT WON YET; ..... , WE SHALL KEEP TRYING.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

..... WE HAVE NOT WON YET, WE SHALL KEEP TRYING.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

..... HAVING A HEADACHE, I HAD A GREAT BIRTHDAY.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH





# ANSWERS

HOW MANY CORRECT ANSWERS DID YOU GET?

IF YOU NEED TO PRACTICE THESE WORDS FURTHER, CONTACT US: [INFO@MPEC.IT](mailto:INFO@MPEC.IT)

HE WAS VERY FAST IN SPITE OF BEING TERRIBLY OVERWEIGHT.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

..ALTHOUGH HE IS KNOWN TO ONLY A FEW, HIS REPUTATION AMONG THEM IS VERY GREAT.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

MPEC IS IS DOING EXTREMELY WELL DESPITE THE RECESSION CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

PEOPLE TEND TO PUT ON WEIGHT IN MIDDLE AGE. HOWEVER, GAINING WEIGHT CAN BE AVOIDED

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

HOWEVER MUCH YOU SPEND, I WILL REIMBURSE YOU.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

ALTHOUGH I WAS ONLY SIX, I CAN REMEMBER SEEING IT ON TV.

- A) ALTHOUGH
- B) DESPITE / IN SPITE OF
- C) HOWEVER

ARRANGE YOUR HOURS HOWEVER YOU LIKE.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

WE HAVE NOT WON YET; HOWEVER, WE SHALL KEEP TRYING.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT WON YET, WE SHALL KEEP TRYING.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH

DESPITE HAVING A HEADACHE, I HAD A GREAT BIRTHDAY.

- A) HOWEVER
- B) IN SPITE OF / DESPITE
- C) ALTHOUGH