

Book: Passages 1

Level: 10<sup>th</sup>

Unit: 3

Objective: Using words to connect and contrast ideas.

## Connecting Contrasting Ideas

### ☞ In spite of / Despite (a pesar de):

In spite of the cold weather, I'm going to the beach.

Despite the cold weather, I'm going to the beach.

-or-

I'm going to the beach in spite of the cold weather.

I'm going to the beach despite the cold weather.

In spite of / Despite + [noun phrase] , [independent clause] .

[Independent clause] + in spite of / despite + [noun phrase] .

\* In spite of / Despite the bad weather, I didn't take an umbrella.

\* I didn't take an umbrella in spite of / despite the bad weather.

*INCORRECT: I would like to live in a big city in spite of I like the quiet. (subject and verb after "in spite of")*

*CORRECT: I would like to live in a big city in spite of my fondness for quiet. (noun phrase substitutes for "I like")*

### ☞ Even though / Although (aunque):

Even though it is cold outside, I'm going to the beach.

Although it is cold outside, I'm going to the beach.

-or-

I'm going to the beach even though it is cold.

I'm going to the beach although it is cold.

Even though / Although + [S + V] , [independent clause] .

[Independent clause] + even though / although + [S + V] .

(Note: [Even though/although + S + V] = dependent clause)

\* Although it was raining, she went out.

\* She went out although it was raining.

\* She wanted to go to work even though she wasn't well.

*INCORRECT: In spite of the weather was bad, I didn't take an umbrella.*

*CORRECT: Although the weather was bad, I didn't take an umbrella.*



☞ However / Nevertheless (pero, sin embargo / no obstante):

She wants to buy a white house. However, he wants to buy a red house.  
She wants to buy a white house. Nevertheless, he wants to buy a red house.

On the other hand (por otro lado / por otra parte):

My new job is good in that I make more money. On the other hand, it's a lot more difficult than my previous job.

[Sentence] . However / Nevertheless / On the other hand , [contrasting idea] .

\* *It was raining. However, I didn't take my umbrella.*

\* *We are having a busy week in our classes. Nevertheless, the teacher scheduled a test for Monday.*

\* *I'd really like to take a yoga class. On the other hand, a spinning class sounds great, too.*

*INCORRECT: The crime rate in my city is high. However, it is safe. (contradictory, not contrasting, ideas)*

*CORRECT: The crime rate in my city is high. However, I feel safe in my neighborhood.*