

# ELTE Expressing contrast quiz

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She decided to go hiking \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy rain forecast.

- (A) however
- (B) despite
- (C) whereas
- (D) yet

2. \_\_\_\_\_ being extremely talented, he remained humble and approachable.

- (A) Whilst
- (B) Yet
- (C) In spite of
- (D) However

3. My brother enjoys crowded cities \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer peaceful villages.

- (A) despite
- (B) however
- (C) whereas
- (D) whilst of

4. The task was exhausting; \_\_\_\_\_, everyone managed to finish it on time.

- (A) however
- (B) despite
- (C) whereas
- (D) in spite of

5. \_\_\_\_\_ the criticism she received, she continued pursuing her dream.

- (A) Whereas
- (B) Despite
- (C) Yet
- (D) Whilst

6. He is usually very organized, \_\_\_\_\_ his desk is always a complete mess.

- (A) despite
- (B) however
- (C) yet
- (D) in spite of

7. \_\_\_\_\_ of living abroad for years, she still struggles with the language.

- (A) Despite
- (B) Whereas
- (C) In spite
- (D) Yet

8. Sue loves classical music \_\_\_\_\_ her sister is passionate about jazz.

- (A) despite
- (B) while
- (C) however
- (D) yet

9. \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant was expensive, the food was disappointing.

- (A) Yet
- (B) Despite
- (C) Although
- (D) Whilst

10. The evidence seemed convincing, \_\_\_\_\_ the jury remained unconvinced.

- (A) whilst
- (B) despite
- (C) however
- (D) in spite of

**11.** The evidence against him was substantial. \_\_\_\_\_, the jury found him not guilty.

- (A) Despite
- (B) Whereas
- (C) Nevertheless
- (D) Although

**12.** I didn't enjoy the beginning of the novel. The ending was brilliant, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) despite
- (B) though
- (C) whereas
- (D) although

**13.** The task was difficult. \_\_\_\_\_, she completed it.

- (A) Although
- (B) Despite
- (C) All the same
- (D) Whereas

**14.** The evidence was weak. \_\_\_\_\_, the case continued.

- (A) Although
- (B) Still
- (C) Despite
- (D) Whereas

**15.** She accepted the job \_\_\_\_\_ the salary was lower than expected.

- (A) despite
- (B) although
- (C) however
- (D) whereas

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She decided to go hiking \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy rain forecast.

- A however
- B despite
- C whereas
- D yet

i "Despite" is followed by a noun phrase ("the heavy rain forecast") and shows contrast.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ being extremely talented, he remained humble and approachable.

- A Whilst
- B Yet
- C In spite of
- D However

i "In spite of" is followed by a gerund ("being") or noun and expresses unexpected contrast.

3. My brother enjoys crowded cities \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer peaceful villages.

- A despite
- B however
- C whereas
- D whilst of

i "Whereas" contrasts two opposite preferences within the same sentence.

4. The task was exhausting; \_\_\_\_\_, everyone managed to finish it on time.

- A however
- B despite
- C whereas
- D in spite of

**i** "However" is a conjunctive adverb linking two contrasting ideas after a semicolon or a stop.

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_ the criticism she received, she continued pursuing her dream.

**A** Whereas

**B** Despite

**C** Yet

**D** Whilst

**i** "Despite" is correctly followed by the noun phrase "the criticism."

**6.** He is usually very organized, \_\_\_\_\_ his desk is always a complete mess.

**A** despite

**B** however

**C** yet

**D** in spite of

**i** "Yet" works like "but" to introduce an unexpected contrast between two clauses.

**7.** \_\_\_\_\_ of living abroad for years, she still struggles with the language.

**A** Despite

**B** Whereas

**C** In spite

**D** Yet

**i** "In spite of" + gerund ("living") expresses contrast.

**8.** Sue loves classical music \_\_\_\_\_ her sister is passionate about jazz.

**A** despite

**B** while

**C** however

**D** yet

**i** "while" contrasts two people's tastes directly.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant was expensive, the food was disappointing.

- A Yet
- B Despite
- C Although
- D Whilst

i "Although" introduces a contrasting clause (subject+verb)

10. The evidence seemed convincing, \_\_\_\_\_ the jury remained unconvinced.

- A whilst
- B despite
- C however
- D in spite of

i "Whilst" (more formal British English) can mean "whereas" when showing contrast.

11. The evidence against him was substantial. \_\_\_\_\_, the jury found him not guilty.

- A Despite
- B Whereas
- C Nevertheless
- D Although

i "Nevertheless" is used as However.

12. I didn't enjoy the beginning of the novel. The ending was brilliant, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A despite
- B though
- C whereas
- D although

i "Though" can be placed at the end of a sentence in informal or conversational English to express contrast, meaning "however" or "nevertheless."

13. The task was difficult. \_\_\_\_\_, she completed it.

- A Although
- B Despite
- C All the same
- D Whereas

**i** "All the same" is a C2-level discourse adverb meaning despite that / nevertheless. It introduces a contrast between the difficulty and the successful completion of the task. It is correctly placed at the beginning of the second sentence, followed by a comma.

**14.** The evidence was weak. \_\_\_\_\_, the case continued.

- A** Although
- B** Still
- C** Despite
- D** Whereas

**i** "Still" works as a C2 discourse adverb meaning nevertheless / even so. It introduces an unexpected continuation or result and is commonly used at the beginning of a sentence with a comma.

**15.** She accepted the job \_\_\_\_\_ the salary was lower than expected.

- A** despite
- B** although
- C** however
- D** whereas

**i** "Although" introduces a contrast between accepting the job and the disappointing salary.