**Discourse Markers: Contrasting**

**Contrasting** markers are used to introduce information that contrasts with what has already been said or with what is expected.

**To express general contrast:**  *Ex.* ***however, nevertheless*** *(formal),* ***nonetheless*** *(formal)*

*I was tired.* ***However****, I still went to the gym after work.*

**To explain an alternative choice or view**: *Ex.* ***rather, in contrast, on the contrary, on the other hand***

*Big cities have many job opportunities.* ***On the other hand****, the cost of living is high in big cities.*

**To contrast reality with expectation**: *Ex.* ***actually, as a matter of fact, in fact***

*Some people think Canada is always cold.* ***Actually,*** *it gets hot in the summertime.*

**To express unexpected results**: *Ex.* ***though, although, even though***

***Although*** *it was cold, I went swimming in the lake.*

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| *Show a relationship between the two sentences using a CONTRASTING MARKER. The sentences can be combined into one, or remain as two. Use a variety of different markers.*  |

# Ex. I wasn’t hungry. I ate three pieces of cake. Even though I wasn’t hungry, I ate three pieces of cake. OR I wasn’t hungry. However, I ate three pieces of cake.

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1. She didn’t study for the test. She passed the test. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Paul had a car accident. He is a very careful driver. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. British Columbia is very mountainous. Saskatchewan is quite flat. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. I prefer to live in the country. My husband prefers to live downtown. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Some people think Toronto is the capital of Canada. Ottawa is the capital city. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. This car was very expensive. I really liked it so I bought it. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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