

Intermediate Reading Course. Section 1: The Basics

Transitions and Relationships between Ideas

Practice 1

Instructions. Based on [this lesson](#), choose the correct transition in parentheses to complete each blank.

1. (nonetheless / in contrast) Luis has spoken Spanish since he was born; _____, he failed the Spanish proficiency exam.
2. (nevertheless / so) He did not study for the test, _____ he was unprepared.
3. (despite / even though) The candidate lost the election _____ spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising.
4. (despite / even though) The candidate lost the election _____ he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising.
5. (For example / Likewise) There are several techniques to learn vocabulary in a new language. _____, you can use flashcards or keep a list of new words as you encounter them.
6. (Otherwise / As a result) The course had very low enrollment. _____, it was canceled just before it was scheduled to start.
7. (Even though / Due to) _____ the athlete had prepared for the competition for months, he faced a much stronger competitor and lost.



8. (whereas / although) Janet is an excellent musician _____ her brother cannot play any instruments.
9. (yet / because) Professor Ecks is a very strict instructor, _____ students love his courses.
10. (unless / although) You must format your written documents like this _____ you are instructed to do it differently.
11. (nonetheless / otherwise) When you format your documents, you must double-space everything; _____, your professor may deduct points for incorrect formatting.
12. (In contrast / Even though) The metric system is used around the world and in science. _____, the Imperial system of measures is used in the United States.
13. (in contrast / even though) The Imperial system of measures is used in the United States _____ the metric system is used around the world and in science.
14. (Similarly / On the other hand) Eating out is convenient for busy people. You do not have to worry about grocery shopping, and you have no dishes to wash. _____, you have little control over the quality of the ingredients, and it can be very costly if you live on a budget.
15. (so that / in order to) Many professionals continue taking college courses after they graduate from college _____ they can keep up with changes in their fields.

Answer Key

1. Luis has spoken Spanish since he was born; **nonetheless**, he failed the Spanish proficiency exam.
2. (nevertheless / so) He did not study for the test, **so** he was unprepared.
3. The candidate lost the election **despite** spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising.
4. The candidate lost the election **even though** he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising.
5. There are several techniques to learn vocabulary in a new language. **For example**, you can use flashcards or keep a list of new words as you encounter them.
6. The course had very low enrollment. **As a result**, it was canceled just before it was scheduled to start.
7. **Even though** the athlete had prepared for the competition for weeks, he faced a much stronger competitor and lost.
8. Janet is an excellent musician **whereas** her brother cannot play any instruments.
9. Professor Ecks is a very strict instructor, **yet** students love his courses.
10. You must format your written documents like this **unless** you are instructed to do it differently.
11. When you format your documents, you must double-space everything; **otherwise**, your professor may deduct points for incorrect formatting.
12. The metric system is used around the world and in science. **In contrast**, the Imperial system of measures is used in the United States.



13. The Imperial system of measures is used in the United States **even though** the metric system is used around the world and in science.
14. Eating out is convenient for busy people. You do not have to worry about grocery shopping, and you have no dishes to wash. **On the other hand**, you have little control over the quality of the ingredients, and it can be very costly if you live on a budget.
15. Many professionals continue taking college courses after they graduate from college **so that** they can keep up with changes in their fields.

