

Connectors of Addition and Contrast

- **Read the pairs of sentences below.** Which pair expresses **similar ideas**?
Which pair expresses **contrasting ideas**? Use the chart to help you.

1. Their team has got the best players. **Moreover**, their coach is fantastic.
2. Their team has got the best players. **Nevertheless**, they lost the last game.

CONNECTORS OF ADDITION: *in addition, furthermore, moreover, as well as, also, and*

CONNECTORS OF CONTRAST: *however, nevertheless, on the one hand / on the other hand, in spite of / despite, although / even though, but*

- **Choose the correct connector:**

1. Lorena seems to be quite clever., she often gets low marks.

2. The service at this restaurant is excellent., the food is delicious.

3. I've never been to Argentina,having relatives there.

4. Jordi is a careful driver., he's had several accidents.

5. Cristina loves playing sport, she's not very good at it.

6. Anna is talented at music..... art.

- **Some connectors have got similar meanings but are followed by different structures.**

Despite and *in spite of* are followed by a **noun phrase** or a **gerund**.

We did not wear coats *despite* the cold weather.

I tried to look happy *in spite of* feeling terrible.

As well as is followed by a **noun phrase** or a **gerund** too., never by a clause

She plays tennis *as well as* basketball.

Even though and *although* are followed by a clause.

My car constantly needs repairs *even though* it's new.

My cousin and I aren't very close, *although* we're the same age.

- **Choose the correct connector.**

1. We're studying now there's an interesting film on TV.

2. I'd like to talk to you I know you're busy.

3. her efforts, she failed the exam.

4. we were having difficulties, we felt optimistic.

5. We didn't win the game all our hard work.

- **Connectors are usually written in specific places in a sentence:**

* **At the beginning of a sentence:** *in addition, furthermore, moreover, however, nevertheless, on the one hand, on the other hand.*

* **Either at the beginning or in the middle:** *despite, in spite of, although, even though.*

* **Only in the middle of a sentence:** *and, but, also, as well as*

- **Rewrite the following sentences using the connector in brackets.**

1. Isabel apologised several times. Nevertheless, Pau wouldn't speak to her. (but)

- 2. We decided to walk even though it was raining. (in spite of)

- 3. Roger works very hard to help his parents. He's also a good student. (In addition)
(Two different sentences)

- 4. I'm keen on Ice cream. In addition, I'm keen on chocolate. (as well as)

- 5. You're late again. Furthermore, you haven't brought your books. (and)

6. On the one hand, I'd love to come. On the other hand, I really haven't got the time.

(However)

7. Rome is a great place to visit, but it has got terrible traffic problems. (despite)