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Contrasting Information

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Phillipa is really thin _____ eating like a horse!
a. however
b. in spite of
c. although
d. in addition to

2. I didn't really enjoy myself. Steve, _____, seemed to be having the time of his life.
a. however
b. although
c. in spite of
d. despite

3. Whenever they go on holiday John likes to drive, _____ Susan prefers to fly – she says it's quicker.
a. although
b. in spite of
c. despite
d. whereas

4. In spite of never having played cards before, she _____ won all the money!
a. yet
b. never
c. didn't
d. still

5. Sue went to work _____ feeling ill.
a. despite
b. although
c. whereas
d. however

6. Kevin's been a vegetarian for years, _____ he still eats fish!
a. despite
b. in spite of
c. although
d. however

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Answers

1. Phillipa is really thin _____ eating like a horse!

a. however - However is used to contrast information but it must go in a separate sentence.

b. in spite of - Use 'in spite of' to contrast information - it must be followed with a noun or 'ing' form. Correct

c. although - Use 'although' to contrast information - it must be followed by a subject + verb.

d. in addition to - Use 'in addition to' to add a second piece of information to support the first.

2. I didn't really enjoy myself. Steve, _____, seemed to be having the time of his life.

a. however - However is used to contrast information, it must go in a separate sentence. Correct

b. although - 'Although' must go at the beginning of the clause.

c. in spite of - Use 'in spite of' to contrast information - it must be followed with a noun or 'ing' form.

d. despite - If you use 'despite', it must be followed with a noun or 'ing' form.

3. Whenever they go on holiday John likes to drive, _____ Susan prefers to fly – she says it's quicker.

a. although - 'Although' suggests a surprising contrast – not the case here.

b. in spite of - 'In spite of' suggests a surprising contrast and must be followed by a noun or 'ing' form.

c. despite - 'Despite' suggests a surprising contrast and must be followed by a noun or 'ing' form.

d. whereas - 'Whereas' is used to contrast information where there is no surprise. Correct

4. In spite of never having played cards before, she _____ won all the money!

a. yet - 'Yet' is not correct.

b. never - 'Never' is not logical as 'in spite of' + surprising contrast suggests she won.

c. didn't - 'Didn't' is not logical as 'in spite of' + surprising contrast suggests she won.

d. still - Use 'still' to emphasise the contrast. Correct

5. Sue went to work _____ feeling ill.

a. despite - 'Despite' suggests a surprising contrast and must be followed by a noun or 'ing' form. Correct

b. although - Use 'although' to contrast information - it must be followed with a subject + verb.

c. whereas - 'Whereas' is used to contrast information where there is no surprise.

d. however - 'However' is used to contrast information but it must go in a separate sentence.

6. Kevin's been a vegetarian for years, _____ he still eats fish!

a. despite - If you use 'despite', it must be followed with a noun or 'ing' form.

b. in spite of - If you use 'in spite of', it must be followed with a noun or 'ing' form.

c. although - Use 'although' to show that the second fact is surprising. Correct

d. however - 'However' is used to contrast information but it must go in a separate sentence.