

**New
Internationalist**

Contrast

A New Internationalist
intermediate + Ready Lesson



This lesson:

- Reading
- Grammar: linkers of contrast
- Error correction
- Speaking about contrasts around the world

Think of some contrasts in your country and write sentences with 'but':

For example:

The UK is one of the richest countries in the world, **but** so many people have no food.

Many tourists enjoy going to India on expensive holidays, **but** they do not see the problems many local people have.

Read this story about doctors in Zimbabwe:

https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=Doctors_cannot_afford_health_care

And write a sentence summarising the contrast



Terrible situation:

The doctors are working hard to look after people with Covid-19, **but** they cannot afford to pay for treatment if they get sick.

Focus on grammar:

What other linkers do
you know that can
express contrast?

Which ones need to be followed by a noun phrase, and which need to be followed by a verb phrase?

However

Whereas

Although

Despite

Even though

In spite of

While

Which of these can you use instead of 'but'? – do you need to make changes?

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Now read this article about spending on military

[https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=The increase in spending money on the military in the UK will make the world more dangerous](https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=The_increase_in_spending_money_on_the_military_in_the_UK_will_make_the_world_more_dangerous)

And write 4 sentences, using the more difficult linkers, to show the contrast

Can you use the new linkers with these sentences we looked at before? And with the sentences you wrote about your countries?

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Remember these rules:

Before noun phrases:

In spite of

Despite

Starts a sentence:

However,

Meanwhile,

Before verb phrases:

In spite of the fact that

Despite the fact that

However,

Although

Even though

Meanwhile,

While

**Now read this article and, in pairs,
write more sentences about contrast
using the linkers:**

https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=Gas_in_Mozambique



Can you find and correct the errors?

1/ Although the UK is spending more on arms, but this will not make the world safer.

2/ Despite of all the money spent on arms, the world will become more dangerous.

3/ Mozambique is starting a lot of gas development, meanwhile, nothing will change for the poor in the country.

4/ Many investors in Mozambican gas have run environmental and social reviews. However the results are secret.

5/ While rich countries are ending their use of fossil fuels they are paying poor countries to increase their use, which affects climate change.

Did you find the errors?

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Find more stories in the news, or look here for more in the eewiki:

https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=Issue_528

Write at least one sentence with each of the linkers, then check with others



Homework:

Read some of these original (more difficult) articles:

<https://newint.org/issues/2020/11/02/caring-economy-what-would-it-take>