

Exercises for Tutorial 20. Concessive Sentence

Exercise 1

Instructions: Combine each of the sentences below with a concessive subordinator to emphasize one or the other side as indicated in italics. The first one has been done for you. *Type, write, or copy-paste each sentence into its answer box and then make the needed changes.*

1. The Golden State Warriors have not always been a great basketball team. They are having a good season this year.
- a. *Use “even though” to de-emphasize how well they are doing this year and to emphasize they haven’t always been a great team.*

Even though the Golden State Warriors are having a good season this year, they have not always been a great basketball team.

- b. *Use “even though” to de-emphasize the Warriors’ not having always been great and to emphasize how well they are doing this year.*

Even though the Golden State Warriors have not always been a great basketball team, they are having a good season this year.

2. The Hummer is a dangerous and gas-guzzling car. People are buying them as fast as GM can produce them.
- a. *Use “although” to de-emphasize the Hummer’s bad qualities and to emphasize the popularity of the car:*

- b. *Use “although” to de-emphasize the popularity of the Hummer and to emphasize the car’s bad qualities:*

3. The digital church bells at CSM produce lovely music. Some students find them distracting.

a. Use "though" to de-emphasize the lovely music and to emphasize that some people find the bells distracting:

b. Use "though" to de-emphasize the bells are distracting and to emphasize that the bells produce lovely music:

4. I had a lot of fun watching the entire "Star Wars" series on DVD. I didn't learn anything new about astronomy or history.

a. Use "even though" to de-emphasize not learning anything and to emphasize having fun:

b. Use "even though" to de-emphasize having fun and to emphasize not learning anything:

5. The job market is in a slump right now. It tends to change very quickly and may improve soon.

a. Use any concessive subordinator to de-emphasize the slump:

b. Use any concessive subordinator to de-emphasize the improvement that is coming soon:

6. Alfonso is frequently late for work. He does an excellent job with everything he is assigned.

a. Use any concessive subordinator to de-emphasize the quality of Alfonso's work:

b. Use any concessive subordinator to de-emphasize Alfonso's tardiness for work:

Exercise 2

Instructions: Imagine you are a skilled computer programmer considering two potential job offers, both of which pay roughly the same. Each job has its advantages and disadvantages, and you must consider these in deciding which to accept. For each numbered item below, show concession to emphasize a good point of one or the other job. *Type, write or copy-paste each sentence into its answer boxes and make the needed changes.*

1. Systems Go is a ten-minute drive from home. Business Machines is within walking distance.

a. Emphasize the advantage of Business Machines using any concessive subordinator:

b. Emphasize the advantage of Systems Go using any concessive subordinator:

2. Systems Go offers help to employees buying a first home. Business Machines is closer to less expensive housing.

a. Emphasize the advantage of Systems Go using any concessive subordinator:

b. Emphasize the advantage of Business Machines using any concessive subordinator:

3. Systems Go is close to many downtown restaurants. Business Machines has a great cafeteria.

a. *Emphasize the advantage of Business Machines using any concessive subordinator:*

b. *Emphasize the advantage of Systems Go using any concessive subordinator:*

4. Systems Go has a great gym with Nautilus equipment. Business Machines has an indoor pool.

a. *Emphasize the advantage of Systems Go using any concessive subordinator:*

b. *Emphasize the advantage of Business Machines using any concessive subordinator:*

5. Business Machines has a low turnover rate. Most employees at Systems Go say they are happy with their jobs.

a. *Emphasize the advantage of Business Machines using any concessive subordinator:*

b. *Emphasize the advantage of Systems Go using any concessive subordinator:*