

Academic English Language of concession

Choose one of the statements below that you think it is impossible to contradict, and say it to your partner. They must try and make a true sentence with a concession expression like those above.

There are a large number of people in the world

Pets are good company for lonely people

Immature people do not make good parents

Governments need to *maximise* economic growth

Mediation can help a couple who are in conflict

Immigration causes difficulties for the welfare state of the receiving country

Most governments try to *minimalise* poverty

The law in every country needs to be *modified*

Being around *negative* people is depressing

Most sexual attraction is not *mutual*

You can't be *objective* about your own children

The *norms* of societies vary from culture to culture

Wealth for all people is not *obtainable*

It is not possible for everyone to work in professional *occupations*

The *odds* in a casino are always against you

Voluntary carbon *offsetting* cuts into the profits of companies which are green whilst leaving the selfish companies free to do what they like

There is an *overlap* between the powers of the World Bank and the IMF

There is little *scope* for governments to put up taxes in a recession

Useful language

But, (and) yet

However, nevertheless, nonetheless

Although, even though

Despite, in spite of, notwithstanding

You could also argue/ It could also be argued that...

Another point of view is that...

Looking at it another way...

On the other hand, a substantial minority of people think that...

However, it is no contradiction to say that...

Notwithstanding..., we shouldn't forget that...

Continue with your own incontrovertible sentences.