

Contrasting phrases The same or different

Decide if each group of phrases below have the same meaning (=S) or different meanings (=D). If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different. If you get stuck, think about what kind of information could come after the phrases (where ... is).

1. Many young people think music should be free. In contrast,.../ Many young people think that music should be free, but on the contrary...
2. Even if sales fluctuate,.../ Even though sales fluctuate,...
3. Although he was dangerous, I fought him./ I fought him although he was dangerous./ Though he was dangerous, I fought him.
4. I fought him although he was dangerous./ I fought him. However, he was dangerous.
5. There are many good points about renting your accommodation. On the other hand,.../ There are many good points about renting your accommodation. In contrast,...
6. There are many advantages. Nonetheless,.../ There are many advantages. However,...
7. Nonetheless,.../ Nevertheless,.../ Even though all that is true,.../ Despite all of this,...
8. ... , whereas.../ ... In contrast,...
9. ...but.../ However,...
10. On the other hand,.../ On the other side of the coin,...
11. Turning to the disadvantages/ Looking at the disadvantages

Suggested answers

1. Different
2. Different
3. The same
4. Different
5. Different
6. Different
7. The same
8. The same
9. The same
10. The same
11. Slightly different. "Turning to" is only used after looking at the other side.