

Contrast Polisher Answer Key

Sample Revision

Many people say that volunteering takes too much time, **despite** the many benefits it offers. **Despite** busy schedules, students can still find time to help in their communities. It is easy to think that one person cannot make a difference, **despite** the ripple effect created by every act of kindness. **Despite** limited resources, volunteers often find creative ways to support others. Community service should be encouraged in schools because it helps students grow as citizens and builds compassion for others.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Students learn to elevate tone and formality in persuasive writing by choosing **despite** over casual connectors such as **in spite of** or **but**.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Model how formal tone improves clarity and flow by comparing the original and revised versions aloud.
 - Encourage struggling writers to underline informal contrasts first before rewriting.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students "tune up" a classmate's paragraph for tone, offering feedback on word choice.
 - Turn it into a mini "editor's workshop" where each student acts as a professional proofreader for one sentence.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask learners to write their own persuasive paragraph on a topic of choice, using **despite** correctly at least twice.
 - Discuss how formal tone is expected in essays, debates, and academic writing compared to conversational tone.