

Contrasting Clues Answer Key

1. C - despite
2. A - in spite of
3. D - despite
4. H - in spite of
5. E - despite
6. F - in spite of
7. G - despite
8. B - in spite of

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Understanding how **despite** and **in spite of** both express contrast but differ slightly in structure.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For emerging learners, model one example aloud and underline the phrase showing contrast.
 - Offer a visual cue such as two opposing arrows labeled "contrast" to help students remember the meaning.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students invent their own funny or dramatic "contrast" sentences (e.g., "Despite the cat's nap, it still caught the mouse").
 - Create a classroom "Contrast Wall" where students post examples they find in books or media.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to rewrite two sentences using both phrases correctly (one with **despite**, one with **in spite of**) to show flexibility in usage.
 - Encourage advanced students to explore how punctuation changes when these phrases start or end a sentence.