

## Linking Opposites Answer Key

### Contrasting connectors identified:

- Passage 1: *but, yet*
- Passage 2: *However, but*
- Passage 3: *Although, yet*
- Passage 4: *but, although*

### Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students learn to recognize **contrast connectors** that signal shifts in ideas, tone, or outcomes within a text.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For developing readers, pre-teach the meaning of each connector using simple, contrasting sentences (e.g., "I like pizza, **but** I don't like olives").
  - For advanced students, include subtler connectors (*even though, whereas, nonetheless*) and discuss their nuanced differences.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Play "Connector Detective": students read aloud and raise their hands when they hear a contrast word.
  - Rewrite a short paragraph from a story or article, adding contrast connectors to change its tone or meaning.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Have students compose a compare-and-contrast paragraph using at least four different connectors.
  - Encourage creative writing-students write two-character dialogues that naturally use contrasting conjunctions to show disagreement or differing opinions.