although / though / even though

Although, though and *even though* are used to express contrast. *Even though* is more emphatic than *although* and *though*. *Though* is more informal than *although* and *even though*.

Structure	Example
Although / Though / Even though + subject + verb, subject + verb	**Although / Though / Even though** I wore a hat, I got sunburn.
subject + verb, although / though / even though + subject + verb	I got sunburn, **although / though / even though** I wore a hat.

Watch out!
- *Though* can also come at the end of a sentence.
  - ✓ *I wore a hat. I got sunburn, though.*

in spite of / despite

In spite of and *despite* are used to express contrast. They mean exactly the same thing and take the same grammatical structures:

Structure	Example
in spite of / despite + -ing form, subject + verb	**In spite of / Despite** wearing a hat, I got sunburn.
in spite of / despite + the fact (that) + subject + verb, subject + verb	**In spite of / Despite** the fact (that) I wore a hat, I got sunburn.
in spite of / despite + noun, subject + verb	**In spite of / Despite** my hat, I got sunburn.

Watch out!
- We can also put *in spite of / despite* in the middle of the sentence.
  - ✓ *I got sunburn **in spite of / despite** wearing a hat.*
- We can also use the perfect -*ing* form to show that the action happened before the result.
  - ✓ *I got sunburn **in spite of / despite having** worn a hat.*
- With *in spite of / despite* + -*ing* form, the subject of the main verb must also carry out the action of the -*ing* verb.
  - ✗ ~~My sunburn was terrible **in spite of / despite** wearing a hat. (= My sunburn wore a hat!)~~

however / nevertheless

However and *nevertheless* are used to express contrast. *However* is formal. *Nevertheless* is even more formal.

The fashion show was expensive to put on. **However / Nevertheless**, it did make a profit.
The fashion show was expensive to put on. It did make a profit, **however / nevertheless**.
The fashion show was expensive to put on. It did, **however / nevertheless**, make a profit.

while / whereas

While and *whereas* are used to contrast two different facts or ideas.

Structure	Example
while / whereas + subject + verb, subject + verb	**While / Whereas** jeans are worn by both men and women, blouses are worn only by women.
subject + verb, while / whereas + subject + verb	Blouses are worn only by women, **while / whereas** jeans are worn by both men and women.