

UNIT 30 **whereas, instead of**

1. 'whereas' is used when there are contrasting facts in a sentence. It is used in a similar way as 'but'.

Example A

My sister likes hot desserts. I prefer cold desserts.

Answer

My sister likes hot desserts **whereas** I prefer cold ones.

NOTE:

When comparing the same subject (in this case, 'desserts'), mention it once only. Use 'ones' when mentioning it again.

2. 'instead of' is used when an action is done in place of another.

Example B

Helen did not do her homework. She swam in the pool.

Answer

Instead of doing her homework, Helen swam in the pool.

NOTE:

Here, 'did not do' becomes 'doing' in the answer. This is because 'instead of' tells us that Helen did not do her homework. In many cases, the continuous form of tense (in this case, 'doing') is used in the answer. Also note that Helen's name is mentioned once only.

Example C

Mark did not pay attention to the teacher. Mark dozed off.

Answer

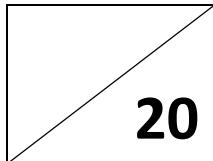
Mark dozed off **instead of** paying attention to the teacher.

NOTE:

As in Example B, 'paying' is used in the answer and not 'did not pay'.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. We thought he would pick the red shirt but he picked the blue one

Instead of _____

2. Although Walter did not return my call, he wrote me an email.

_____ instead of _____

3. Ginny loves durians but Lenny cannot even tolerate its smell

_____ whereas _____

4. Compared to mountains, hills have gentle slopes.

_____ whereas _____

*5. Sheila did not clean the house. Her whole day was spent watching drama serials

Instead of _____

6. It is really hot in the desert during the day. It is really cold in the desert at night.

_____ whereas _____

7. This cup of coffee is hot while the other cup of coffee is not.

_____ whereas _____

8. Jamie should have called the police but he did not. Jamie decided to tackle the burglar himself.

Instead of _____

9. In this matter, Martin preferred to lie than tell the truth.

Instead of _____

*10. This house is much more spacious than the one across the road.

_____ whereas _____