

Vocabulary - Key Words and Phrases

Conversation 1

Skeptical - having doubts about something.

Clinical trials - research experiments to check if a product or medicine is safe.

Seal of approval - an endorsement or confirmation of its acceptance or reliability.

Hold off - delay or wait before making a decision or starting something.

Prudent - acting with care regarding a decision.

Conversation 2

Worth the price - having benefits or value equal to the amount paid for something.

Shop around - compare prices and options before making a purchase.

Warranty - A document that promises a product will work or it can be refunded or replaced.

Delivery - when a company takes a product to a person's work or home.

Installation - when a company sets up a product so a customer can use it.

Changed my mind - to make a person change their feelings about something.

I'll take it - A phrase to express a customer will buy something.

Register - the checkout area in a store where people pay for things.

Conversation 3

Casual - relaxed and not formal

Sales projections - estimates of how much product that a company will sell.

Economic forecast - predictions about the economic conditions in the future.

Financial quarter - a period of three months regarding money such as sales and revenue.

Modest expectations - to not have high anticipations about future outcomes.

Pull up my data - to access information on a screen or monitor.

Conversation 4

Job hunting - the process of looking for employment.

Startup - a new and relatively small business.

Pass up - decline or refuse an opportunity, especially when it seems attractive.

Your mind is made up - when a person makes a decision and likely will not change it.

Hard to pass up - difficult to decline or resist because of its attractiveness.

Grammar - While, Although, Though

Point 1: With statements of concession, the speaker states both good and bad points about a subject.

1. **While** most gyms are expensive, they can help people stay healthy and reduce medical costs.
2. **Though** traveling can be daunting, it is a great way to enrich a person's life.
3. **Although** the class was boring, it was very useful.

Point 2: While

The conjunction 'while' can show concession. The conjunction appears at the beginning of the sentence.

1. **While** I like most Thai dishes, this one dish is too spicy for me.
2. **While** the movie was very long, it was very interesting.
3. **While** the city can be expensive for young people, it is a fun place to live.

Point 3: While (Concessions) vs. While (during, when)

The conjunction while has different uses, which can be confusing.

1. **While** working from home is convenient, it is boring. (Concession)
2. **While** working from home, I gained a lot of weight. (During)
3. **While** cooking can be fun, it takes a lot of time. (Concession)
4. **While** cooking, I burned my hand. (During)

The conjunction '**while**' that appears mid-sentence always means 'during'.

- I hurt my hand **while** I was playing football.

Point 4: Although

The conjunction '**although**' can show concession. The conjunction can appear at the beginning or middle of the sentence.

1. **Although** we were late to the meeting, we didn't miss anything important.
2. You can drive to the beach, **although** parking might be hard to find.
3. **Although** fast food is unhealthy, it is cheap, convenient and tasty.

Point 5: Though

The conjunction '**though**' can show concession. The conjunction can appear at the beginning, middle, or end of the sentence.

1. **Though** the dish is a bit salty, it is really delicious.
2. His book was very hard to read, **though** it was quite short.
3. This software isn't very easy to install. It is easy to use, **though**.

Notice that if **though** is used at the end of the second sentence, then the sentences are separated with a period, not a comma.

While, Although, Though

Watch four videos using **while, although, and though** in conversation.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

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Man: I'm a little skeptical. **While** some tests were done in clinical trials, I still think more research needs to be done with it.

Woman: It agree with that, **though** it was tested with a trusted laboratory.

Man: True, but I'd like to see more data on it, before giving it my seal of approval.

Woman: So, I guess we're not going to give it to customers just yet.

Man: No, not yet. Let's hold off a little longer until we have more information about it.

Woman: Sounds prudent. I think that's the right decision for now.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Hello, can I ask you some questions about this washing machine?

Woman: Sure, I don't know too much about it, but I can try.

Man: Well, my main concern is that it is worth the price.

Woman: Yes, it is a bit pricey, **although** it does come with a three-year warranty.

Man: Yeah, still, I think I want to shop around. I think I can find it cheaper elsewhere.

Woman: That's understandable. However, **while** other stores might have cheaper prices, they likely won't have free delivery, and free installation.

Man: OK, you've changed my mind. I'll take it.

Woman: Great! Please follow me to the register.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Woman: Thanks for meeting me during your lunch break.

Man: My pleasure. I usually eat at my desk anyway.

Woman: Well, **while** I don't usually hold meetings this way, I find casual meetings often to be the most productive.

Man: Agreed. So what would you like to talk about?

Woman: I would like to talk about sales projections for next financial quarter.

Man: Well, **while** the economic forecast does not look great, I still think we can increase sales next quarter.

Woman: I like your positive attitude, **although** I think we should keep modest expectations.

Man: That's understandable. Let me pull up my data and show you what I've got.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, how is job hunting going

Woman: Good. I have a few offers. One from a big bank.

Man: That's great. I hear they pay high salaries.

Woman: Yes, but *while* the pay is great, the hours are very long and the job is stressful.

Man: Yeah, that's expected. What about the other job?

Woman: The other job is from a small startup in the health industry.

Man: Oh, that sounds interesting. How is the pay?

Woman: Well, *while* the pay's not as great, the work seems interesting and I could be helping others.

Man: Well, it sounds like your mind is made up.

Woman: Yes, but it's hard to pass up all that money.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What does the man say about the medicine?

- a) He supports it.
- b) He can not approve it yet.
- c) He does not say.

2) Why does the man decide to get the washing machine?

- a) Cheap price
- b) Good reviews
- c) Free installation

3) What does the man think will happen next quarter?

- a) Sales can go up.
- b) Sales will go down.
- c) The economy will be good,

4) What job will the woman most likely work?

- a) A bank
- b) A startup
- c) A hospital

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- seal
- data
- laboratory

- skeptical
- medicine
- off

- prudent
- customers

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- warranty
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- changed

- register
- concern
- too

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- forecast

- projections
- while

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Question 4 of 4

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- offers
- salaries
- stressful

- interesting
- hunting
- very
- expected

- pass
- helping

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