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Advanced Concessive Patterns — *practice on paper*

You know the formal concession patterns; now practise fresh contract, budget, and report sentences.

Formal concession:	**much as + clause**	, a fronted quality, or	**albeit + phrase**	; the decision then remains clear

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT CLAUSE OR PHRASE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each English opening. On the left, much as has a clause with a subject and verb; on the right, albeit has a compact phrase.

Much as Priya admires the concept
Much as we welcome the revised scope
Much as Omar trusts the supplier
Much as they need the extra capacity
Much as I appreciate the quick reply
albeit with limited support
albeit costly to maintain
albeit without regional coverage
albeit late in the quarter
albeit more complex than planned

CLAUSE CONCESSION	COMPACT CONCESSION

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE CONCESSION · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Insert exactly the word given in the English cue.

01 Much as Procurement _____ the vendor's speed, we need firmer dates. (use values)
02 However _____ the timeline, the team will test every release. (use ambitious)
03 The rollout worked, albeit _____ close supervision. (use under)
04 Delayed though the shipment _____ , production continued. (use was)
05 The pilot cut errors, whereas the old process _____ them. (use increased)
06 Much as Noor _____ the design, she will request changes. (use likes)
07 However _____ the evidence, the board must decide today. (use thin)
08 The report is clear, albeit _____ in places. (use dense)

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE CONCESSION · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence contains one targeted form error. Follow the English cue and change only the named part.

01 As much as we respect the partner, we will rebid. (replace "As much as" with "Much as")

02 Albeit the launch was late, adoption rose. (rewrite as "Albeit late, adoption rose.")

03 Though difficult was the migration, we finished. (rewrite as "Difficult though the migration was, we finished.")

04 However the sample is small, the auditors will continue. (replace with "However small the sample, the auditors will continue.")

05 The panel welcomes much as the proposal, it will request a second bid. (rewrite as "Much as the panel welcomes the proposal, it will request a second bid.")

06 The local team delivered, whereas under pressure. (replace with "The local team delivered, whereas the regional team requested more time.")

BRICK 4 · WRITE DIPLOMATIC PUSHBACK · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Concede the stated point and keep the business decision unambiguous.

01 Product choice: use much as to acknowledge one prototype and select another model.

02 Budget: front a quality with however and still confirm the testing scope.

03 Report: use albeit to add a compact limitation to a positive result.

04 Comparison: use whereas to contrast two complete facts about different suppliers.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I put a clause with a subject and verb after much as.
- ☐ I put a compact phrase after albeit.
- ☐ I front the quality correctly with though or however.
- ☐ I tend to use these patterns for formal, diplomatic pushback.

Still unsure? Mark the signal, sentence shape, and main decision, then check whether they fit together.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Much as Priya admires the concept
Clause concession: Priya admires has subject and verb.

02 Much as we welcome the revised scope
Clause concession: we welcome has subject and verb.

03 Much as Omar trusts the supplier
Clause concession: Omar trusts has subject and verb.

04 Much as they need the extra capacity
Clause concession: they need has subject and verb.

05 Much as I appreciate the quick reply
Clause concession: I appreciate has subject and verb.

06 albeit with limited support
Compact concession: with limited support is a phrase.

07 albeit costly to maintain
Compact concession: costly to maintain is a phrase.

08 albeit without regional coverage
Compact concession: the opening has no clause.

09 albeit late in the quarter
Compact concession: late in the quarter stays compact.

10 albeit more complex than planned
Compact concession: the phrase contains no subject.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Much as Procurement **values** the vendor's speed, we need firmer dates.
Clause: Procurement values supplies subject and verb.

02 However **ambitious** the timeline, the team will test every release.
Fronted quality: ambitious follows however.

03 The rollout worked, albeit **under** close supervision.
Compact phrase: under opens the limitation.

04 Delayed though the shipment **was**, production continued.
Fronted quality: was completes the clause.

05 The pilot cut errors, whereas the old process **increased** them.
Deep contrast: whereas connects two complete facts.

06 Much as Noor **likes** the design, she will request changes.
Clause: Noor likes supplies subject and verb.

07 However **thin** the evidence, the board must decide today.
Fronted quality: thin follows however.

08 The report is clear, albeit **dense** in places.
Compact phrase: dense adds the limitation.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **Much as** we respect the partner, we will rebid.
Concession: much as replaces the degree comparison.

02 **Albeit late**, adoption rose.
Albeit requires a compact phrase here.

03 **Difficult though the migration was**, we finished.
Fronted quality: difficult comes first.

04 **However small the sample**, the auditors will continue.
However stands directly before the quality.

05 **Much as the panel welcomes the proposal**, it will request a second bid.
Position: much as opens the acknowledged clause.

06 The local team delivered, **whereas the regional team requested more time**.
Whereas connects two complete contrasting facts.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ if the sentence shape fits the signal and the contrasting decision remains unambiguous.

01 Much as Tessa admires the prototype, the panel prefers the simpler model.
Much as introduces the acknowledged clause.

02 However constrained the budget, we will complete every security test.
However fronts the budget quality.

03 The trial met its target, albeit with two manual checks.
Albeit introduces a compact limitation.

04 The local firm offers faster support, whereas the global firm covers more regions.
Whereas connects two complete contrasts.

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