

Review 8

Concept A: Conjunctions

- Contrasting conjunctions- 可是 (kěshì) “but, nevertheless”
不过 (bùguò) “but, however”,
但是 (dànshì) “but, nevertheless”
不然 (bùrán) “otherwise”,
要不然 (yàoburán) “else”
否则 (fǒuzé) “otherwise”.
虽然 (suīrán)..., 可是 (kěshì);
虽然 (suīrán)..., 但是 (dànshì);
虽然 (suīrán)..., 不过 (bùguò).
不但 (bùdàn) ... 反而 (fǎn'ér) “not only..., to the contrary...”.

examples:

- 他想吃披萨, 但是要减肥。

Tā xiǎng chī pīsa, dànshì yào jiǎnféi.

He wanted to eat pizza but he has to lose weight.

- 快起床吧, 否则你会迟到!

Kuài qǐchuáng ba, fǒuzé nǐ huì chídào!

Get up soon, otherwise you'll be late!

- 我妈妈想睡觉, 可是她要去上班。

Wǒ māma xiǎng shuìjiào, kěshì tā yào qù shàngbān.

My mom wants to sleep but has to go to work.

- 我们组的房子很小, 不过很便宜。

Wǒmen zǔ de fángzi hěn xiǎo, bùguò hěn piányi.

The house we rented is small but cheap.

- 虽然他是日本人, 可是说中文说得非常流利。

Suīrán tā shì Rìběnrén, kěshì shuō Zhōngwén shuō de fēicháng liúlì.

Although he is Japanese, nevertheless he speaks Chinese very fluently.

- 虽然他有的是钱, 但是不愿意嫁给他。

Suīrán tā yǒudeshì qián, dànshì bù yuàn yì jiàgěi tā.

Although he has a lot of money, she nevertheless doesn't want to marry him.

- 出院以后, 他的身体不但不好, 反而比以前更差了。Chūyuàn yǐhòu, tā de shēntǐ bùdàn bù hǎo, fǎn'ér bǐ yǐqián gèng chà le.

Not only was he not well when discharged from the hospital, but he was worse than before.

- 就是 (jiùshì) even if..., 也/还 (yě / hái) anyhow...

Example: 你就是去, 我也不去。

Nǐ jiùshì qù, wǒ yě bù qù.

Even if you go, I won't go.

Concept B: sentence pattern

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