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# CONNECTORS

## SEQUENCING

First of all/Firstly  
Secondly  
Next  
Then  
Finally

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

Because  
So  
Therefore  
Consequently  
For this reason

## COMPARING

Similarly  
In the same way  
Equally  
Like

## ADDING

And  
Also  
Moreover  
Additionally  
As well as  
Too  
Furthermore

## CONTRASTING

Whereas  
While  
On the other hand  
Instead of  
Though  
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## EMPHASIZING

Especially  
Indeed  
Above all  
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Significantly

## QUALIFYING

But  
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Apart from

## ILLUSTRATING

For example  
For instance  
Such as  
In the case of

### WORKSPACE:

What are some challenges of management? In general and in your job?

- Emotions, being human
- DETACH
- Strategic planning
- ADDRESS the problems

### [2022 Manager Challenges Research Results](#)

What are some main questions they asked and the answers they got?

What would help you to be more productive?

What is STOPPING YOU ....?

How much time do you spend ON ....?

Useful vocabulary

- productive
- Stopping you

- Spend on
- Middle management
- Focus ON
- stretch ed
- Overwhelmed - too much to handle

When we finish planning

What about you? Use the new vocabulary

Can you give me an example- an anecdote, about a managing challenge you faced and how you overcame it?

When we do analysis and detect the problems/ RISKS that could affect the corporation. We made strategies to address the problem.

We were analyzing the tariffs ..... when we detected that .....  
While my team was investigating .... I was talking to the government..

When we wrote that Trump will impose the tariffs, we detected that the corporation would spend more money because we import a lot of stuff from China, while China was imposing the same tariffs to US.

We made strategies and talked with a lot of people, involved in government, retail , and even the press, etc. We collected all the information and we made some proposals for the government that may affect the least our corporation. While President Trump was imposing more extra tariffs, now, for steel and aluminium, the situations was getting more complex for international trade.

I asked different categories about possible scenarios, and if we cannot convince the government to stop the tariffs how many % doesn't affect us. They gave some options and we put them in the proposals. I went with the government to convince them to lower the tariffs and to negotiate. - While my team was working with the retail industry , I was lobbying the possible scenarios. I went down on my goal to get the result. We are waiting at the moment. Also, we started to have conversations with the Mexican shoe industry, and the Mexican government liked it.

Love like hate know be - not continuous , verbs of states and emotions

Let's add the past tenses

# Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

## Simple Past

We use the **simple past** to talk about:

**Completed** actions, **habits** and **facts** in the past.



- I **went** to the cinema **yesterday**.
- I **always visited** my grandparents in my summer holidays **when I was little**.
- I **lived** near Liverpool for a couple of years.

## Past Continuous

The **past continuous** is used to express:

**Interrupted** actions, **specific time** as an **interruption** and **parallel** actions.



- I **was watching** TV **when** the phone rang.
- **Last night at 7pm**, I **was having** dinner.
- **While** she **was doing** her homework her brother **was playing** football.

Challenges of managing Mexican people? What are your experiences?

And advice for other managers?

- Small talk is important but when we discuss important topics do not go back
- Check availability
- Ahorita - perception of deadlines is different
- 

<https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/management-guides/mexico-management-guide>

Let's choose the most interesting examples to discuss, the ones where you think there can be the most difficulties for foreign managers

What do you think would be the particularities of managing people in other countries like US? India? China? Europe?

**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

**Homework: prepare some anecdotes about particularities of working with different nationalities/ states of Mexico, use new vocabulary and past tenses**

Date: / Consultant: Maja march 20

Lesson number/week: 4 / 11 and 12

Topic: dining and ordering

Aim: useful expressions

**Catch up/Homework review:**

<https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/border-agents-use-more-aggressive-tactics-to-question-visa-holders-tourists-067afb4>

Did you hear / Have you heard about the ...?

I HAVE HEARD SOMETHING \

Past simple - time

Present perfect - no time

She tried to enter...after SECONDLY she tried to apply ... FINALLY she was rejected

They denied the entry SO they captured her, and after/ therefore that they moved her to...

\_\_\_\_ THEREFORE/ CONSEQUENTLY \_\_\_\_\_ She was interviewed by WSJ

She had many people to advocate – Because She is famous

She is famous FOR THIS REASON she had many people on her side

And / Moreover there is also another example of that ....

And / Then he said they chained him and/ as well as/ denied a lawyer TOO...

It must stop in the short term because OTHERWISE/ IF NOT / ON THE CONTRARY it will affect tourism...

Handcuffs

**Homework:**

Think of some examples of small talk about the news (you can use examples we discussed)



### Listen & respond

- Uh-huh.
- Oh, really?
- What happened next?
- Oh wow!
- That's interesting.
- Why was that?
- Oh, I see.
- That sounds great.

### Ask others in the group

- And how about you?
- What do you think?
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### Close the conversation

- It was great to meet you.
- It was a pleasure meeting you.
- I look forward to seeing you again.
- Let's keep in touch.
- Have a safe journey back.

- Prepare for the small talk

WORKSPACE:

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/> - news / current events small talk

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What about lunch time conversations ?

- Food or restaurant recommendations
- Interesting facts (like pet peeves)
- Travel recommendations / comparing cuisines / beverages
- Cooking and family
- Favorites : likes and dislikes

Have you ever been here before?

Have you ever been...?

What \_\_FOOD\_\_ do you prefer: Chinese or Japanese?

WHICH dish/ restaurant have you.../ do you...?

Do you like cooking ?

Recommendations - recommend a restaurant to me (your investor)

First of all I preferred Chinese food, however it's difficult to find good restaurants, especially in Mexico city, otherwise there are a lot of Japanese restaurants. Although Chinese food is better, I don't usually eat a lot of it because the options are limited. In the north - west there are a lot of Chinese so a lot of them open restaurants. In Culiacan there are many options of good Chinese food. There is one, named Ocean China, it's a really good restaurant. They have a lot of dish options and the prices are cheap. It's not that fancy but the food is better. In Mexico City there is only one good restaurant, Hunan. However it's expensive. It's a fancy restaurant and the service is great. The food in general is good.

[https://english4real.com/practice/b2\\_11-restaurants.html](https://english4real.com/practice/b2_11-restaurants.html) - audio 3

Catch how they describe restaurants

Useful vocabulary:

- It was great / cheap
- Nice
- Polite
- 

Use it in your description

Ordering in a restaurant - how can you recommend me some traditional Mexican dishes

- STUFFED
- 
- Which is the most \_popular\_ dish that people ask for?
- What are the chef's suggestions/ specials?
- Can I have the...?
- I prefer spicy food

Now audio 2 :

- I think I'll \_have\_\_\_\_\_ the fish.
- And \_could\_\_\_\_\_ I \_have some\_\_\_\_\_ tea, please?
- \_I'd like\_\_\_\_\_ the steak, please.
- Have you \_made up\_\_\_\_\_ your mind?



- Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ i'm gonna have \_\_\_\_\_ the spaghetti and a small salad.
- What can I \_\_\_ get you \_\_\_\_\_? Can you get me ....? - casual
- But could you \_\_\_ make sure \_\_\_\_\_ there's no salt on the french fries?
- Yeah. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ just gonna \_\_\_\_\_ have some dessert.
- \_\_\_\_\_ And please make sure they don't add any sugar to it \_\_\_\_\_ That's right! \_\_\_\_\_. I don't like sweet shakes.

a red wine – a glass of/ a bottle of

but please make sure that ...

Role play the ordering in a restaurant

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GgltcKTmMk&t=39s&ab\\_channel=TheManniiShow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GgltcKTmMk&t=39s&ab_channel=TheManniiShow)

**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

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**Homework:** <https://www.travelawaits.com/2486100/dining-like-a-local-in-mexico/> - read and prepare to discuss the tips, how can you give some tips to a foreign partner in mexico

Date: / Consultant: March 19 Maja

Lesson number/week:4/10

Topic: art of small talk

**Aim:** Likes and dislikes

### **Catch up/Homework review:**

Now use this article:

<https://www.rt.com/business/613739-us-consortium-buy-panama-ports/>

Write your opinion: What do you think will be the effect on the American Markets?

100- 150 words

WORKSPACE:

### **The art of small talk - working with high executives**

DOs and DONTs

Common topics

- Security programs
- Current events - extra taxes for the private sector in CDMX , a tax INCREASE
- The companies DON'T agree - agree or don't agree
- RETURN (on the investment)
- Destination / destined for
- Allocating the funds / budget

What are your tips for making small talk with the high executives?

- You have to be on top of news
- Talk with people get CONFIDENTIAL information
- Make analysis and have your own opinion and your own strategies
- Path / road/ trajectory
- Careful with personal stuff, it has a limit
- LISTEN more and talk less - pay attention
- HEAR is momentarily - just register the sound
- Don't reveal your cards :) / show intention

<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/how-to-make-small-talk>

Let's discuss the strategies /tips

What about the questions ? Any good ones?

Role play small talk

## Business English Small Talk

Topic 2/8

### Start the conversation

- Hello
- Good morning / Good afternoon / Good evening
- My name's \_\_\_\_\_ and I work for (company). What's your name?
- Nice to meet you (name)



### Choose a topic

#### (Topic 2: Transport for work)

- How did you get here today?
- How do you usually get to work?
- Do you commute to work or do you live nearby?
- How long does it take you to get to work?
- What do you think of the public transport here?
- Do you think the public transport here is better than in (city)?

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**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

### Homework:

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- Prepare for the small talk

Date: / Consultant: 19 March - Camille

Lesson number/week: 4/11

Topic: Meeting and dining out

Aim:

**Catch up/Homework review:**

WORKSPACE:

Basic courtesy

Stakeholders.

Humility

You have to be an extrovert / you have to be extroverted.

To **have a light touch**

To be **tactful**

= mano izquierda

To keep informed of the news

To **keep on top of** the news.

Ahead.

Analyze body language / expressions.

On your behalf

Reputational risk.

**Fines** = multas

Snowball effect

To tread lightly = to be cautious.

# My Top 10 Restaurant Pet Peeves

It's hard enough to run a successful restaurant without these unforced errors



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Ex of pet peeve: **Buddy Buddy Waiters:** There is an art to being a waiter that gets flushed down the toilet when they sit at the booth or crouch down by the table. Forced cheer is disconcerting and weird. Polite and efficient will do just fine.

## Making a Reservation

- *"Would it be possible to secure a table for two this evening at your earliest availability?"*
- *"Might you have a private dining area available for a more intimate setting?"*
- *"I would greatly appreciate a recommendation for a sommelier's selection alongside our meal."*

## Arriving & Being Seated

- *"Good evening, I believe we have a reservation under [Name]."*
- *"Might I trouble you for a table with a view, should one be available?"*
- *"I trust the maître d' will guide us to the finest experience this evening."*

## Engaging with the Sommelier & Waitstaff

- *"I would love to hear your recommendation for a wine pairing that complements the subtleties of this dish."*
- *"Would you be so kind as to elaborate on the chef's specialty for the evening?"*
- *"Might I inquire about the provenance of the ingredients in this exquisite dish?"*
- *"We would prefer a more leisurely pace between courses to fully appreciate each dish."*

## Dining etiquette

### Italy – Don't mix seafood and cheese

You read that right. It's important to resist asking for cheese on your frutti di mare (seafood pasta) or any other seafood dish. It's deemed very rude by locals – who believe these two were never meant to be wedded because they combat the flavours of one another.

### Thailand – Don't put a fork in your mouth

We know what you're thinking... surely not? This is one of the hardest food etiquette rules to get used to, particularly for Westerners. As the proper way to eat in Thailand is to transfer food from your fork, onto a spoon and then into your mouth. Or eat with chopsticks or just a spoon (which is easier said than done sometimes).

### Middle East – Only eat with your right hand

When visiting the Middle East, it's important to think twice before eating. This is because people's left hands are traditionally used for in the bathroom in Islamic cultures and so are considered unclean.

### China – Leave some food on your plate

If you grew up within a Western culture – perhaps you were told to eat all the food on your plate because it's polite. Well, if you tried to do this in China... it tells your host so you haven't been served enough. So they will keep handing you delicious Chinese food for days! You must remember to leave a small amount of food in China.

The **leftovers** = los sobros

A doggy bag

The homeless - the unhoused

### **South Korea – Respect your elders**

South Korean culture cares about age. Put simply: the eldest deserve more respect as they have higher social rank. And so there are food etiquette rules around you should make a note of should for your food experiences in South Korea. You must take your eat only after the eldest has sat down; pass dishes and pour drinks with both hands to the eldest first; and – you guessed it – the you must wait for the eldest to start eating before you begin. Lastly, it's always good food etiquette to eat at the same pace as others – so be conscious if you're a fast eater!

### **India – Leave an empty plate**

One of my personal favourite food etiquette rules: make sure to leave an empty plate when in India. It is polite to appreciate all foods as they have been prepared with upmost care by your hosts. It is also proper dining etiquette to wash and dry your hands before the meal, compliment the host after eating, and wait until the eldest stands up before you leave the table.

### **Chile – Don't use your hands!**

That's right. It is considered poor cultural food etiquette to eat with your hands in Chile. Even with a sandwich, French fries or pizza. Remember to grab a trusty knife and fork. Oh, and try to avoid touching the table with your hands.

**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

**Homework:**

**Date / Consultant:** Mar 15, 2025 Bernardo

Lesson number/week: 8-3

Topic: What difficulties are you likely to encounter?

### Catch-up/Homework review:

### Workspace:

Here's the link: <https://meet.google.com/mma-puvt-rbt>

1. Look at the **question below** and think of at least three answers.
2. Discuss your ideas.



#### **Question:**

*"What difficulties can businesses face in their daily operations after the imposed tariffs?"*

*I think, in both countries Mexico and Canada, they're having a lot of difficulties businesses, because President Trump is generating a lot of uncertainty decisions, so markets are going crazy,*

*Mexico is having a political position different from Canada. Canada is getting **angry** with President Trump and it is responding with violent declarations.*

*PM of Canada are different from declarations of Claudia Sheinbaum, first of all PM is saying that Canada will respond with the same tariffs that P. Trump gives to Canada.*

*While P. Claudia Sheinbaum is waiting and trying to generate dialogue with P. Trump before the tariffs apply to Mexico.*

*It's important to say that that this uncertain decisions are generating that enterprises are moving their **investments** to the US, and these decisions are affecting Mexico, because these investments were planning to stay in Mexico, but with this uncertainty the **investors** are moving to the US.*

## **1. The news**



- [BBC Business | Economy, Tech, AI, Work, Personal Finance, Market news - UK](#)
- [Business news — RT International - Russia](#)

*In Argentina inflation is getting down, there are going to be more opportunities to invest in Argentina, therefore this action will help the people in Argentina because there are going to be several new jobs in the country.*

*There's going to be more foreign investment in the country,*

*The Argentinian government is promoting the country outside (**overseas**), and they are giving a lot of **incentives** to the foreign investors.*

*P. Milei is putting up the idea that the enterprise is the only solution for Argentina, not the government. Above all, the past ideas about the government are overhead in the economy.*

*This change of narrative is gonna take time for the people to understand, because they had a long period of left **populist** governments.*

**Populism** - Populism is a style of government. System (noun).  
*Populism is a regime used in Argentina for more than 30 years.*

**Populist** - the characteristic of populism. This is a **populist** government.

*Popular- Related to fame.*

## 2. Using Modals in Business English

**Modals are verbs** that help express ability, possibility, necessity, or obligation. They are **always followed by the base verb** (no "to").

✓ **Common Modals and Their Uses:**

Modal	Use	Example
<b>Can</b>	Ability, possibilities	<i>We <b>can</b> solve this problem together.</i> <i>Mexico is having difficulties with foreign investors, Mexico <b>can</b> design a new political investment law to better promote Mexico. - <b>prospective, certain</b></i>
<b>Could</b>	Past ability or polite request, possibilities	<i>We <b>could</b> discuss this in our next meeting.</i> <i>Mexico is having difficulties with foreign investors, Mexico <b>could</b> lose its international credit score.</i> <i><b>Is not 100% certain</b></i>
<b>May</b>	Permission or possibility	<i>You <b>may</b> leave early today.</i> <i>Argentina's economy is getting better, Argentina <b>may</b> improve its exchange rate with the USD.</i> <i>More certain than might</i>
<b>Might</b>	Possibility	<i>The client <b>might</b> cancel the contract.</i> <i>Argentina's economy is getting better, Argentina <b>might</b> have more jobs.</i> <i>Lowest possibility</i>
<b>Must</b>	Strong necessity	<i>You <b>must</b> meet the deadline.</i>

*The Mexican market is crashing, the government **must** generate dialogue in the international and national private sector.*

**Should** Advice

*You **should** update the report before sending it.*

*I feel sick, so I should go to the doctor.*



## Connectors of Cause & Effect

- ✓ Because
- ✓ Result in
- ✓ Because of this
- ✓ Leads to
- ✓ Causes
- ✓ Owing to
- ✓ As a consequence of
- ✓ Hence
- ✓ Thus
- ✓ Stems from
- ✓ Is due to
- ✓ Us caused by

- ✓ For
- ✓ So
- ✓ Consequently
- ✓ Therefore
- ✓ Contributes of
- ✓ Brings about
- ✓ For this reason
- ✓ Comes from
- ✓ Is the result of
- ✓ Due to
- ✓ As
- ✓ Since

- ✓ Accordingly
- ✓ That is why
- ✓ In order to
- ✓ In order that
- ✓ Thereby
- ✓ Similarly
- ✓ Seeing that
- ✓ Due to the fact that
- ✓ On account of

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## Example:

Cause	Effect
<b>Owing to (debido a ello)-</b> <i>Owing to the US tariffs, Mexico is working overtime in its economy.</i>	<b>Accordingly (respectivamente) -</b> <i>Owing to the Us tariffs increase. Accordingly Mexico will have problems with jobs.</i>
<b>Is due to (debido a )-</b> <i>P. Trump could increase the US tariffs to Canada, Is due/ Due to the fact that to the Canadian reaction</i>	<b>Thereby (por lo tanto)-</b> <i>The US tariffs increase, thereby the prices in the US will increase too.</i>
<b>Stems from (viene de) -</b> <i>The extradition of many drug dealers to the US from Mexico stems from the accusations of P. Trump to the Mexican government of corruption.</i>	<b>Hence (por eso) -</b> <i>The US tariffs are generating uncertainty in the markets, hence the economy analysts are making a lot of economic charts and prospective scenarios.</i>
	<b>Thus (de esta manera) -</b> <i>P. Trump is accusing the Mexican government for corruption with the drug dealers, thus the Mexican government is changing its political security law.</i>

### 3. Workplace Challenges Roleplay

<https://www.rt.com/business/>

Write your opinion here:

The international markets **might** be affected with the new China Tariffs to Canadian goods stems from the first US tariffs to Canada and Mexico. For this reason the international exchange rates **are** getting out of hand. Moreover the prices of cars could increase, this is **due to** the incredible tariffs war focused on steel and aluminum raw material of the cars. In conclusion, this tariff war doesn't help consumers around the world.

Crazy- out of hand

**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

Plural pronunciation

*difficulties*  
*businesses*

**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

[Merriam-Webster](#)

duties - deberes

EVs- electric vehicles

**Homework:**

Now use this article:

<https://www.rt.com/business/613739-us-consortium-buy-panama-ports/>

Write your opinion: What do you think will be the effect on the American Markets?

100- 150 words

Fist of all, the decision of Donald Trump forcing American companies to buy Panama Canal ports could affect the US economy owing **to + NOUN an unexpected** financial movement for the consortium of companies in US. This aggressive decisions stems from the right populist ideas of Donald Trump. Since he is President of the USA he is showing many of **these /DIIIZ/** attitudes, consequently these actions may affect the the American markets because they are generating uncertainly to the **investments and investors.**

**Indigenous**

Date: / Consultant: Ryan 3.13.25

Lesson number/week:

Topic:

**Aim:**

**Minimal pair.... 2 sounds are very close but it changes the word entirely!**

Beach... long e... meeting... meat.... Beat... *feet*... sheet

Bitch.... Short i... mitt.... Mitt... bit... *fit*... shit

**Accents! Vs sounds!**

**Writing styles... business English and journalist English is very direct, punchy and short.**

- We like short, clear, concise...

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**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

**Homework:**

<https://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/minimal-pairs-i-ee.php>

Date: / Consultant: March 12 Maja and Ryan

Lesson number/week: week 3 lesson 7

Topic: the political landscape in Mexico

**Aim: describing main political actors , connectors**

### Catch up/Homework review:

#### Contrast

- 1.- The US import tariffs for steel to Mexico have stopped, however, the US import tariffs for steel to Canada are going to start tomorrow.
- 2.- The US import tariffs for steel to Canada increased to 50% more than Mexico in 25%.
- 3.- The Ontario Premiere is angry with the tariff politics of US although the Mexican government it is in calm.

#### Compare

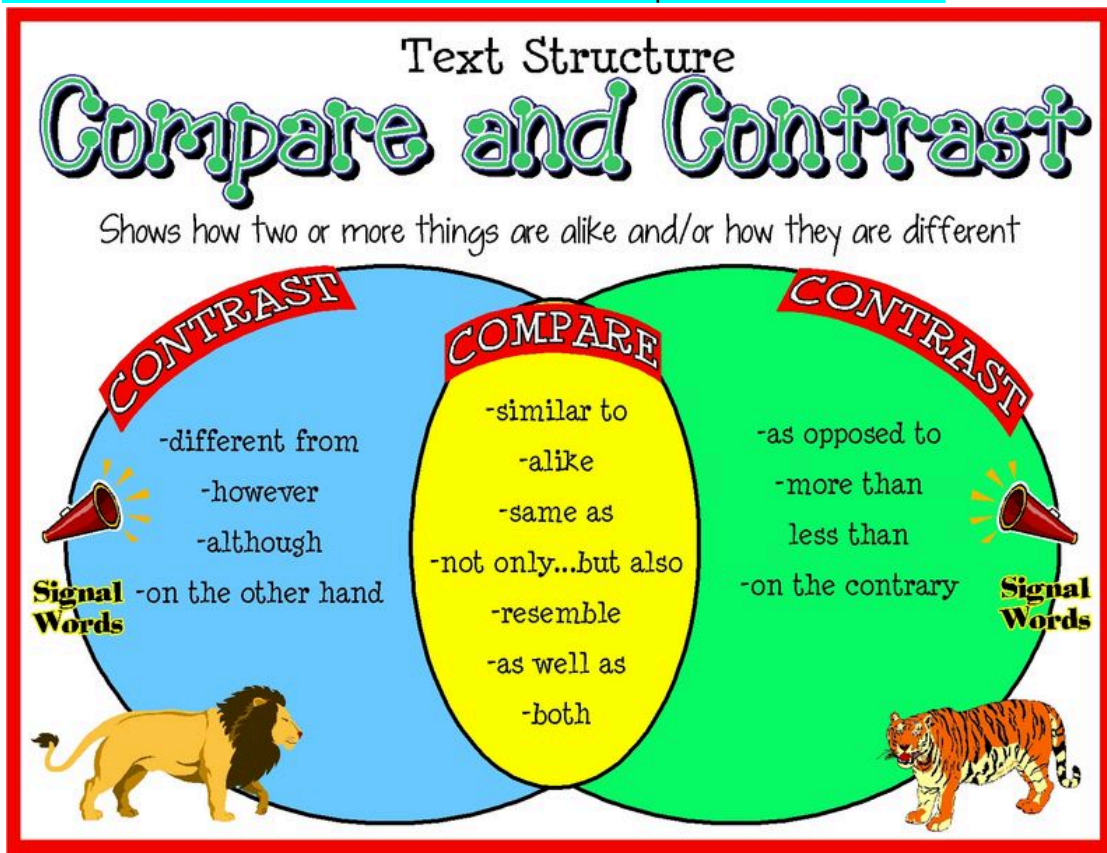
- 1.- The pressure of US import tariffs to Mexico it is similar to Canada.
- 2.- The concern of the Canadian government resemble to the concern of the Mexican government about the tariff topic.
- 3.- Both governments are working on their political and economical strategies against the eventual US tariffs.

To extinguish fires

Exchange rates

### Homework:

find some news from Mexico and international - compare and contrast them



So the general idea of tacos in CDMX and CLN is similar. On the other hand, tacos in CLN are similar to Norteno style tacos, especially Sonora.

The Chilango tacos resemble tacos in the center of the country in places, such as GUan or Puebla.

I like CLN tacos more than tacos from Chilango-landia.

Pastor as well as canesta tacos are delicious.

## WORKSPACE:

What about the political landscape in Mexico ? How can you compare and contrast it with the US?

- Populism , left and right
- Approbation - approval
- Monarchy and democracy
- County
- Mexico has many problems with water resources. On the contrary, the United States is blessed with excellent water resources in most of the country. ~~However~~ Moreover, the USA has a water administration that oversees the resources.

<https://www.indexmundi.com/factbook/compare/united-states.mexico/government>

Let's find 3 interesting categories for you – compare the structure, notice vocabulary

Mexico	USA
First, the Legal System: Civil Law System, based in US	Legal System: Common Law, based in English Common Law
Legislative branch - both countries have a bicameral system	
The judicial reform will <b>modify</b> this law. So with the reform there will be....	<b>US has</b> supreme court and in mexico now we have....

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Finally ....



# CONNECTORS

## SEQUENCING

First of all/Firstly  
Secondly  
Next  
Then  
Finally

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

Because  
So  
Therefore  
Consequently  
For this reason

## COMPARING

Similarly  
In the same way  
Equally  
Like

## ADDING

And  
Also  
Moreover  
Additionally  
As well as  
Too  
Furthermore

## CONTRASTING

Whereas  
While  
On the other hand  
Instead of  
Though  
Otherwise

## EMPHASIZING

Especially  
Indeed  
Above all  
In particular  
Significantly

## QUALIFYING

But  
However  
If  
Unless  
As long as  
Although  
Apart from

## ILLUSTRATING

For example  
For instance  
Such as  
In the case of

Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:

Vocabulary/Phrases:

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Minimum 8 linking words

Finish to compare/contrast the US and Mexican, use new vocabulary and connectors

1. First of all, there are many similarities between the political system of Mexico and the us. **Therefore**, they have democratic system in both countries, and they were european colonies in the 19th Century. **However**, there are many differences, such as in USA the election period is **-are** every two and four years, while in Mexico it **is are every** three and six years.
  - a. However, the election periods are very different, because Mexico has a three and six year cycle and the United States has a 2 and 4 year cycle.
2. Additionally, ~~in the judicial branch~~ ~~the system~~ in - of Mexico is a copy from the USA system, in the same way that USA system it is a copy from the English system. **Next,-** The next-**another** interesting fact is the **level of** international cooperation: Mexico **has-** have a lot of participation in international organizations, similarity **to** the USA participation in those international organizations.
  - Mexico participates in many international organisations, similar to the United States.
  - Another interesting fact is that Mexico....

Date: / Consultant: March 8 Maja

Lesson number/week:week 2 lesson 6

Topic: comparing mexican and international news

Aim: compare and contrast

#### **Catch up/Homework review:**

**watch the other half , catch vocabulary , use that vocabulary**

1.- Remain = wait or STAY

Mexican government **has** to remain in the same economic and political position with the US government until April.

2.- Undelivered property

Mexican workers could **suffer FROM** undelivered property, because of **all** the changes that government wants to reform in the construction industry, specifically, with the INFONAVIT. INFONAVIT

3.- Cutting edge = innovative

Toyota is cutting edge in the ecologic systems for cars.

4.- **Youth** unemployment

Youth = young people

Latin america **has** a lot of youth unemployment, that's why a lot of **youth** have to work for drug dealers.

#### **Consumption vultures / fury**

Apartment block

Common areas

OUTDATED vs UPDATED

CAST A SHADOW

INE HAS / The reform HAS

WORKSPACE:

What are some headlines this week

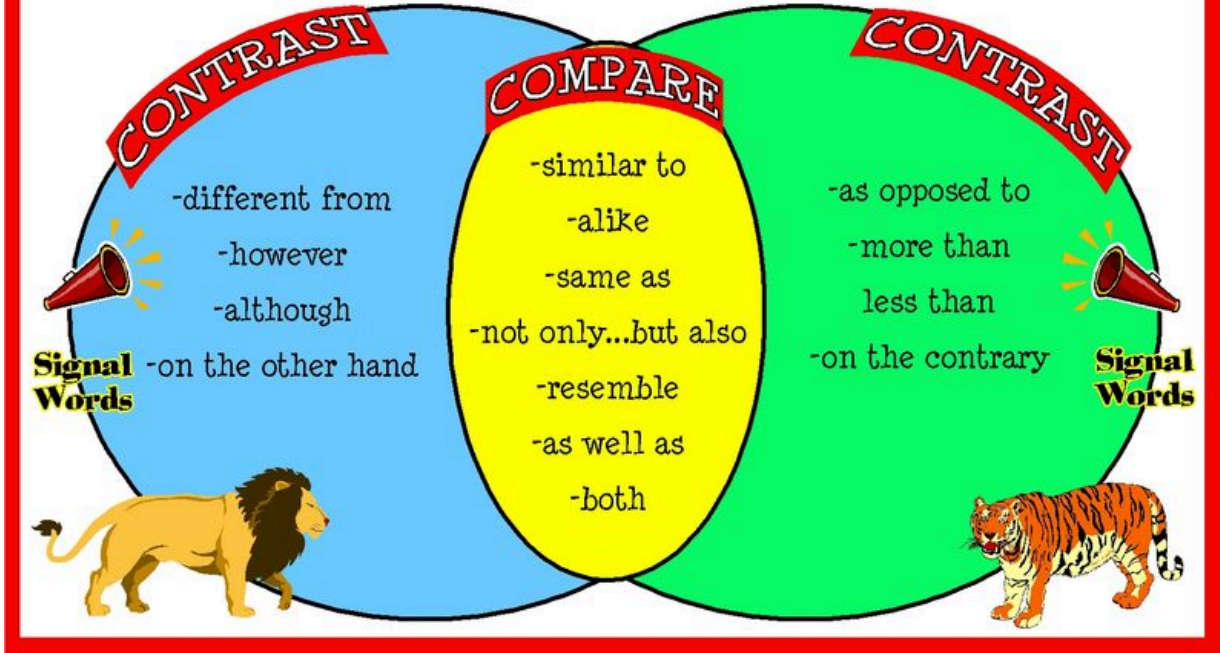
Mexican news	International news
Tariffs were paused in mexico The peso increased later stabilized Implementation of the justice reform	Trump paused tariffs for Mexico and Canada

COmpare and contrast them

## Text Structure

# Compare and Contrast

Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR6YsdfIEyY&ab\\_channel=CNN](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR6YsdfIEyY&ab_channel=CNN)

The tariffs will not only affect the companies but also the consumers

### Vocabulary:

- Steep increase / price / tariff - high
- Re taliate – fight back / reciprocate
- Blazing (like a fire)
- Halt - stop

Mexico's view vs US view vs Canada's view vs China's

Compare and contrast them

Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:

Vocabulary/Phrases:

### **Homework:**

find some news from Mexico and international - compare and contrast them

#### Contrast

1.- The US import tariffs for steel to Mexico have stopped, however, the US import tariffs for steel to Canada are going to start tomorrow.

2.- The US import tariffs for steel to Canada increased by 50% more than Mexico by 25%.

Came from 30% up to 50%

By 20

Go up BY 50% - difference

Old : from 10    new: to 25    change is BY 15

3.- The Ontario Premier is angry with the tariff politics of US although the Mexican government is in calm.

#### Compare

1.- The pressure of US import tariffs to Mexico is similar to Canada.

2.- The concern of the Canadian government resembles to the concern of the Mexican government about the tariff topic.

3.- Both governments are working on their political and economical strategies against the eventual US tariffs.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trump-says-raise-tariffs-canada-141019617.html>

**Date: / Consultant: March 5 Maja**

**Lesson number/week: week 2    less 5**

**Topic: describing international news**

**Aim: adjectives ED and ING, vocabulary**

**Catch up/Homework review:** finish the article - find vocabulary - use it to discuss what you read / the topic in general

<https://www.firstpost.com/world/trump-says-discussed-fentanyl-trade-with-trudeau-in-50-minute-call-accuses-canadian-pm-of-using-tariffs-dispute-to-stay-in-power-13869084.html>

1.- Smuggling - contraband

Electronic shopping platforms are smuggling shoes and clothes from China.

2.- Fractious

He is a fractious old man, he doesn't like people.

3.- Spar- sparred = a practice fight

The guys are sparring for the next competition.

**EVENT – IVENT**

**Lunch (short A) vs launch ( longer)**

**Interested - TID**

**TID and DID – t or d**

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surprised ➔ surprising

terrified ➔ terrifying

tired ➔ tiring

amazed ➔ amazing

amused ➔ amusing

bored ➔ boring

comforted ➔ comforting

confused ➔ confusing

depressed ➔ depressing

disappointed ➔ disappointing

disgusted ➔ disgusting

embarrassed ➔ embarrassing

excited ➔ exciting

exhausted ➔ exhausting

fascinated ➔ fascinating

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WORKSPACE:

International news:

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMJOAMm6PFw&ab\\_channel=BBCNews](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMJOAMm6PFw&ab_channel=BBCNews)

Let's describe the news

vocabulary search / pronunciation

- Affect the markets
- Tariffs
- Political problems
- Campaign what?? (crypto) - PROMISE
- Economy decrease = synonym?
- Wide spread - affects many places
- Economic lagging
- Stagnation
- Lack global demand
- Uncertain - adjective / uncertainty - noun
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Use the new vocabulary to discuss the news from beginning of class

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**Date: / Consultant: Mar 3 Maja**

**Lesson number/week: week 2 lesson 4**

**Topic: local news**

**Aim: pres simple and continuous**

**Catch up/Homework review:**

Let's choose one and read it – create questions to ask about it - minimum 5

<https://www.firstpost.com/explainers/mexico-new-law-to-ban-nepotism-in-politics-claudia-sheinbaum-constitutional-reform-13867519.html/amp>

How much does this law affect the official party?

What are the political effects of this law?

Where is the legal process status = status of the legal process ?

Where are the emblematic cases of nepotism in morena for the next federal elections in 2027?

When is the best date to start this law for Morena?

**WORKSPACE:**

Local news - what is happening at the moment

- In GDL
- IN CDMX - contamination , forest fires near the valley , Tula refinery
- In the country - tariffs, trump

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/> - choose one and let's read it  
[www.firstpost.com](https://www.firstpost.com)

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/mexico-has-received-20000-deportees-since-trump-took-office/>

**Pronunciation**

19 /// 663

52 /// 110

17 //012

Jan 20TH and March 2ND

Deported– ID

Pledged- D



Reported- ID

Expressed -T

High light ed

Re iterate d

Useful vocabulary - active reading

- To hold steady - resist
- Via - by
- Assess - analyze
- Pledge - official promise
- Highlighted - emphasize , stressed
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Now use the vocabulary to discuss the article/topic

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**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

At the morning

In the other hand

**Vocabulary/Phrases:**

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**Date: / Consultant: Feb 28 Maja**

**Lesson number/week: week 1 lesson 3**

**Topic: current events - small talk**

**Aim: questions review**

**Catch up/Homework review:** How would you create some examples for your bosses - report on potential issues or risk agenda

**Tariffs - import taxes**

President Trump is disappointed with the reaction of the Mexican government.

The reaction of the Mexican government continues disappointing the American investors.

The recent murders in Culiacan, continue horrifying citizens.

The community of Culiacan are horrified with the recent murders.

Recent news – I **heard** the news recently

Businessmen in Culiacan are **depressed** because **OF** the unstable security situation.

The unstable security situation in Culiacan **is** depressing people.

Situation - ing

He **recommended - DID**

**WORKSPACE:**

Discussing current events - Use adjectives from last class

In your industry: Retail companies are concerned because the government is sending positive signals to Trump's administration but there are no positive signs for the industry . They are putting additional tariffs on Chinese imports, specifically shoes and clothes. The problem is in customs and contraband , it is generating market failures due to informal retail.

In Mexico: In the past 2 years we started to work with the mexican government on this topic. The industry is surprised with the policies. The 15% VAT increase for chinese technology and clothes. And then another tariff on general import that forced the platforms to even more. It applies this year , it is 32%.

In the world

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/> - what are some headlines that attract your attention - choose 3

1. Judicial 'corruption' played a role in extradition decision
2. Mexico says no to nepotism - in favor and against
3. Makes a deal to cap gas prices

What are some questions you ask yourself after reading the title

- What are the terms applying for nepotism?
- Did the president have an example in HER own party?
- Did the gas owners agree?
- How much did this decision cost?
- How Will this decision affect the relations with US?
- How much Will the gas prices affect retail?
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Question forms

# WORD ORDER IN QUESTIONS

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QUESTION ORDER	QUESTION WORD	AUXILIARY VERB	SUBJECT	MAIN VERB
		Do	you	like pizza?
	What time	does	he	get up?
	How much	did	you	pay for it?
	Where	is	she	working?
	What car	have	you	got?

QUESTIONS WITH BE	QUESTION WORD	AUXILIARY BE	SUBJECT	ADJECTIVE, NOUN, ETC.
		Is	Sharon	from the US?
	How old	are	you?	
	Where	were	you	yesterday?
	When	was	she	born?

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## Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:

Started ID  
Surprised D  
Irritated ID

## Vocabulary/Phrases:

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Date: / Consultant: Feb 26 Maja

Lesson number/week: week 1 lesson 2

Topic: discussing current events

Aim: ed and ing adjectives

### Catch up/Homework review:

I started to work for Grupo Coppel in early 2020 as Coordinator of Institutional Relations. I was **excited** to be part of the team because the leader was Gaston Luken and I heard a lot of positive thing from his person. In a few months Gaston assigned me **to + (simple verb) attend** important public stakeholders, so he promoted me as Manager of Public Affairs for Grupo Coppel, where one of the most important duties was negotiating with some **congressmen** of the federal congress of Mexico. I had several positives results but the work was too heavy **for me alone = ON my own**, so, I get promoted as National Manager of Public Affairs for Coppel and for the first time I will manage a team of 3 people. I'm totally committed with my job and my company and **actually/ CURRENTLY** I'm Director of public affairs for Grupo Coppel, now I'm responsible **FOR reporting** potential problems and risk agenda to my Boss and the CEO of the company too.

**MAN - MEN**

**WOMAN- WOMEN**

**Members of the congress**

**ACTUALLY - REALLY , in fact**

**Currently - now**

Men and women

WORKSPACE:

Current events in the Public Affairs area - what is happening recently?

- Reform of the judicial power/ system in Mexico
- They change all the people and processes that we had known for many years.
- Judges, ministers, **magistrates** etc.
- It is dangerous for a democracy / It is a risk / It is complex / It is difficult to understand
- **LEGAL certainty or UNcertainty**
- Drug dealers financing candidates for these positions

<https://www.themexicobrief.org/news>

Let's discuss the titles - choose 3 and think of some adjectives to describe them

- Trump pushes Mexico to impose tariffs on China
- Mexico's security chief goes to Washington
- AMLO's son gives emb **battled = conflictive** Sinaloa governor Morena membership

The governor is involving with the criminals

**Preoccupation of the US government = irritated / worried**

**The Us is worried/ irritated / frightened = scared**

**The situation is worryING**

A positive sign - surprising / surprised

A negative sign - shocked

Want to cooperate - COOPERATING / COOPERATIVE

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tired ➔ tiring

amazed ➔ amazing

amused ➔ amusing

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bored ➔ boring

comforted ➔ comforting

confused ➔ confusing

depressed ➔ depressing

disappointed ➔ disappointing

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embarrassed ➔ embarrassing

excited ➔ exciting

exhausted ➔ exhausting

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Worry - worried / worrying

Entertain ing / ed

Participle - 3rd form = adjective

Discuss the titles using the adjectives

Now discuss the events you mentioned at the beginning of class

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**Date: / Consultant: Feb 24 Maja**

Lesson number/week: week 1 lesson 1

Topic: professional and personal life

**Aim: present and past simple review**

**Catch up/Homework review:**

WORKSPACE:

Hello Pedro, nice to meet you!

- How was your weekend?
- What do you like most about your job? What is challenging?
- What is a current project you are working on

The projects I **make/ do**

To **make DO** analysis

**Make a mistake / lunch / a decision**

**Capacitation - training / development**

Describing our professional and personal life

How would you describe yourself professionally – like in your LinkedIn profile for example?

- I am the Director of Public Affairs at Coppel.
- I have a degree in Political science ...FROM the Uni Iberoamericana
- My period of study was 2006 to 2010 and I also have a MA in PA and PP FROM...UNI from 2015 to 2017
- I graduated with merits while working for the government. Last year I finished my Diploma in .....ESG FROM ANAHUAC
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- During my career, I did some work in consulting for private entities.
- I was an analyst in charge of ANALYZING some Excels for clients and PR
- I was responsible for\_ Running events or courses , training focused ON government topics
- I started in a magazine, in an editorial committee , I wrote a lot of things like.....
- One year later the people invited me to continue but as an Executive Director
- I was in charge of the administration, PR, payments....
- I worked in the congress, as parliamentary investigator and I had to do analysis about congressmen
- I also worked in risk administration and insurance and had several responsibilities and positions, I reported directly to the GD
- I was in charge of / I managed social programs in the Ministry ...in 32 delegations
- I put/ RAN my own business for about one year and one of my clients was Coppel...
- I am committed to BEING responsible in all my jobs
- I have to deal with a lot of political issues

## SHARES or STOCKS

Owner

Shareholders

Networking

I am in charge of/ I am committed to/ I am responsible for + NOUN / Verbing

Useful vocabulary - let's add it to your description



**To work for/at a company**

Daniel works for a car dealer.

**To work in a department or a team**

I currently work **in** the accounts department.

**To be responsible or accountable to their manager/boss**

As part of the sales team, you'll be accountable **to** the Head of Sales.

**To work as (position)**

I've been working as a secretary in this company **for** ten years.

**To manage a team of people.**

Now that I've been promoted, I will manage a team **of** 20 telemarketers.

**To work on a project**

We'll be working all hours while we work **on** this project.

**To be part of a team**

Andrew seems to enjoy being part **of** the marketing team.

**To work in an industry.**

Both James and Sarah work **in** fashion.

**To be responsible for other staff/for doing their work.**

I'm responsible **for** assessing workers' performance.

**To be in charge of something/doing something.**

Who is **in** charge **of** contacting prospective clients?

**To report to your manager/boss...**

If there's an incidence, report **to** your supervisor.

**To negotiate with people**

My duties include negotiating **with** suppliers.

**To be committed to something**

I'm totally committed **to** my job.

**To deal with clients/problems...**

The Customer Service team deals **with** our clients' claims.

**Errors/Opportunity for growth/Pronunciation/Feedback:**

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