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What is a Concession?

A **concession** is when a writer acknowledges an opposing viewpoint before showing why their own argument is stronger.

This makes writing more **balanced, fair, and convincing**.

Common Concession Starters:

- **I understand that...**
 - **Some people may argue...**
 - **It is true that...**
 - **While it is true that...**
 - **Admittedly...**
 - **Of course...**
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Part 1: Identify the Concession

Read each sentence. Circle the concession phrase.

1. While it is true that homework can be stressful, it also helps students practice important skills.
 2. Some people may argue that video games waste time, but they can also improve problem-solving skills.
 3. I understand that dogs can be messy, yet they are also loyal companions.
 4. Of course, traveling can be expensive, but it also provides valuable life experiences.
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Part 2: Add a Concession

Rewrite the sentences below by adding a concession to make them stronger.

1. School uniforms help reduce bullying.
→ _____
2. Social media helps people stay connected.
→ _____

3. Reading books is important for learning.

→ _____

Part 3: Practice Writing Concessions

Write **one concession sentence** for each sentence below that acknowledges the other side of the argument, then explain why your side is still strong.

Example:

Topic: Cell phones in school

Concession: *I understand that cell phones can be distracting in class.*

Response: *However, they can also be powerful learning tools when used responsibly.*

Topics :

- **Cell phones in school**

Concession:

Response:

- **Junk food in cafeterias**

Concession:

Response:

- **Longer summer vacations**

Concession:

Response:

- **Year-round school**

Concession:

Response:

Part 4: Your Turn – Short Paragraph

Write a short paragraph (3–4 sentences) on one of the topic **being a positive person**. Be sure to use at least **one concession phrase**.

☒ Student highlight your concession phrases in one color and your argument in another to clearly see the balance in your writing.