

Table Summarising the Difference between Although and Even Though

	Although	Even Though
Meaning	The word 'although' means in spite of something.	The word 'even though' means despite the fact.
Usage	It is used as a Conjunction.	It is used as a Conjunction.
Example	Although blind, Helen Keller wrote many books.	Even though it was snowing outside, Raj decided to go out.

This table shows that 'although' and 'even though' can be treated as synonymous and can be used interchangeably. Students who previously got confused while using these words can now use them correctly in the sentence. Once students are familiar with this idea, it becomes easy for them to use these words in sentences.

The Difference between Although and Even Though – Meanings

If you look at the meaning of these two words, you will see that 'even though' and 'although' mean the same thing: in spite of something or basically a reference to contrasting situations. Both of these words are used as conjunctions. For example, 'Although Ross was sick, he went to school.' Here, 'although' shows contrasting situations, i.e., despite being sick, Ross went to school. Another example is, 'Even though young Sheldon was quite intelligent than other students...' Here, 'even though' is used to show that despite being young, Sheldon possesses higher intelligence than the other students. The only difference between the words is 'even though' has a strong tone to it than 'although'. Apart from this, there's no difference between these two words, and one can use them interchangeably.

Examples of Although and Even Though

The following examples will help students understand the terms 'even though' and 'although'.

Even Though – Even though Mark's father is wealthy, Mark is very down-to-earth.

Although – The Sun is shining brightly although it's raining.

Once students understand the difference between the words 'even though' and 'although', they can easily apply them in proper contexts.

Although and Even Though – Conclusion

In conclusion, the words 'even though' and 'although' are synonymous and can be used interchangeably. This article points out the difference between 'even though' and 'although'. BYJU'S offers various articles on many such 'Differences Between Two Words' that students often get confused with.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences. Use **although** + a sentence from the box.

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| a. I didn't speak the language well | e. he has a very important job |
| b. I had never seen her before | f. we don't like them very much |
| c. it was quite cold | g. the heating was on |
| d. I'd met her twice before | h. we've known each other a long time |

- 1 ____, he isn't particularly well-paid.
- 2 ____, I recognised her from a photograph.
- 3 She wasn't wearing a coat ____
- 4 We thought we'd better invite them to the party ____
- 5 ____, I managed to make self understood.
- 6 ____, the room wasn't warm.
- 7 I didn't recognise her ____
- 8 We're not very good friends ____

Exercise 2

Use the words in brackets to make a sentence with **though** at the end.

- 1 The house isn't very nice. (like / garden) ____
- 2 It's warm today. (very windy) ____
- 3 We didn't like the food. (ate) ____
- 4 Liz is very nice. (don't like / husband) I ____

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the blank with *although*, *though*, *despite*, or *in spite of*.

1. _____ you hurt me, I forgive you.
2. _____ the rain, they went swimming in the lake.
3. _____ Karen lived in Portugal for 3 years when she was a child, she can't speak any Portuguese today.
4. Tyler competed in the marathon _____ he has only one leg.
5. Bianca did very well on the test _____ the fact that she didn't study much.
6. Deborah wants to get a tattoo _____ her parents' opposition to it.
7. _____ the fact that she's hungry, she won't eat because she's on a diet.
8. _____ Pablo's joke was funny, the teacher didn't laugh at it.
9. David went outside in a T-shirt _____ the weather was very cold.

EXERCISE 4

Do the following quiz. There is only one correct answer per question.

Do you love me?

- A: I love you although your faults.
- B: I love you although you have no faults.
- C: I love you in spite of your faults.

Do you think I'm crazy?

- A: I know you are crazy, despite that everybody thinks you are normal.
- B: I know you are crazy, although everybody thinks you are normal.
- C: I know you are crazy, in spite of everybody thinks you are normal.

Who won the most recent Presidential election in America?

- A: George Bush, in spite of he did not win the popular vote.
- B: George Bush, though he did not win the popular vote.
- C: George Bush, despite he did not win the popular vote

What do you think will happen in the next Italian elections?

- A: Despite all Berlusconi's advertising, Rutelli will win.
- B: In spite of Berlusconi has advertised so much, Rutelli will win.
- C: Although all Berlusconi's advertising, Rutelli will win.

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