

### Clauses of concession

We use **clauses of concession** to refer to how something is happening, despite the fact that something else is influencing it. **Clauses of concession** are introduced by various words or phrases.

but + clause (but)	She was tired but she offered to help me.
however + clause (however, despite that)	She was tired. However, she offered to help me. She was tired. She offered to help me, however.
although/even though/though + clause (although, despite the fact that)	Although/Even though/Though she was tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me although/even though/though she was tired.
in spite of/despite + noun (despite + noun)	In spite of/Despite her tiredness, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite her tiredness.
in spite of/despite + -ing (in spite of)	In spite of/Despite being tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite being tired.
in spite of/despite + the fact that + clause (despite the fact that)	In spite of/Despite the fact that she was tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite the fact that she was tired.



**7 Join the sentences. Use the word in brackets. Do not change the order of the sentences.**

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| <p>1 It was raining. We went out for a walk. (although)<br/> <i>Although it was raining, we went out for a walk.</i></p> <p>2 She offered to lend him some money. He refused. (but)</p> <p>3 Jim has a mobile phone. He never uses it. (but)</p> <p>4 He's sixty-two. He's still very fit. (though)</p> | <p>5 You apologised. He won't forgive you. (although)</p> <p>6 We waited for an hour. They didn't come. (but)</p> <p>7 I liked the CD. I didn't buy it. (but)</p> <p>8 They knew the way. They got lost. (even though)</p> |
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**8 Rewrite the sentences. Use the word in brackets. Do not change the order of the sentences.**

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| <p>1 They were tired. However, they stayed up late. (although)<br/> <i>Although they were tired, they stayed up late.</i></p> <p>2 Although he worked all day, he didn't finish his project. (but)</p> <p>3 Even though she seems nice, I don't trust her. (however)</p> | <p>4 I shouted. However, they didn't hear me. (even though)</p> <p>5 He played well but he didn't win. (however)</p> <p>6 Even though she didn't like the sandwich, she ate it. (but)</p> |
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