

GRAMMAR



N.B.



SUBORDINATE CLAUSES OF CONTRAST

in spite of *although*
despite *though*

Although the minimum number of A-Level subjects is three, some students prefer to take four to keep their options open.

Although = though = even though

Though is more informal than although.

Even though is a little stronger than though and although.

although

She didn't apply to the university **though** she had good marks.

even though

In spite of = despite

In spite of the difficulties, they succeeded.

In spite of the fact that it was difficult, they succeeded.

Despite the difficulties, they succeeded.

Despite the fact that it was difficult, they succeeded.

They arrived late **despite** leaving early.

• COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH ALTHOUGH / DESPITE.

1. A. HE CONTINUED TO WORK _____ HE FELT BAD.
B. HE CONTINUED TO WORK _____ FEELING BAD.
2. A. BEING COURAGEOUS MEANS DOING SOMETHING _____ THE FEAR.
B. BEING COURAGEOUS MEANS DOING SOMETHING _____ YOU ARE AFRAID.
3. A. _____ HER ILLNESS, SHE CAME TO SCHOOL.
B. _____ SHE FELT BAD, SHE CAME TO SCHOOL.
4. A. THE GAME CONTINUED _____ THE RAIN.
B. THE GAME CONTINUED _____ IT RAINED.
5. A. _____ THE CHILDREN WERE TIRED, THEY WENT ON PLAYING.
B. _____ BEING TIRED, THE CHILDREN WENT ON PLAYING.

• COMBINE THE TWO SENTENCES INTO ONE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.

1. SHE PASSED THE TEST. SHE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES. (EVEN THOUGH)
2. SHE IS A NURSE. SHE CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD. (IN SPITE OF)
3. I'M A TERRIBLE SINGER. BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE GOOD MUSICIANS. (ALTHOUGH)
4. HE WON THE RACE. HE CAME LAST IN THE PRACTICE RUN. (DESPITE)
5. I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO POST THE LETTER. IN THE MORNING HE REMINDED ME TO DO IT. (THOUGH)
6. I HANDED MY REPORT IN ON TIME. I HAD BEEN ILL ALL DAY. (DESPITE THE FACT THAT)