

ALTHOUGH/DESPITE

Although and despite are contrast words. However, "although" precedes a clause (a group of sentences with a subject and verb) and "despite" precedes a noun (or gerund). In this case "the hard rain" would be a "noun" even though it has the article "the" and the adjective "hard."

*Although it was raining hard, we drove on.
We drove on despite the hard rain.*



Read the sentences and choose although or despite.

1. He runs quite fast, **despite** / **although** being fat.
2. **Despite** / **Although** I was tired, I enjoyed the film.
3. **Despite** / **Although** the heat, I felt a chill.
4. **Despite** / **Although** she's not pretty, she's very popular.
5. **Despite** / **Although** his riches, he's very unhappy.
6. **Despite** / **Although** her fame, she feels unfulfilled.
7. **Despite** / **Although** the prices are high in this restaurant, the food's not very good.
8. **Despite** / **Although** we don't usually eat pasta, we really enjoyed the meal.
9. **Despite** / **Although** their hard work, they couldn't finish the project.
10. **Despite** / **Although** his advanced age, he is very quick-witted.