

Choose the sentence (a or b) that has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- I love skating, although I'm not very good at it.
a) Despite not being good at it, I love skating.
b) In spite of being good at it, I love skating.
- Despite the fact that it's raining, I still want to go swimming in the sea.
a) It's raining, even though I still want to go swimming in the sea.
b) I still want to go swimming in the sea, even though it's raining.
- In spite of not being very fit, my brother enjoys running.
a) My brother enjoys running even though he's not very fit.
b) Although he's very fit, my brother enjoys running.
- We enjoyed the 4D cinema, although it was quite expensive.
a) Despite enjoying the 4D cinema, it was quite expensive.
b) Despite the fact that it was quite expensive, we enjoyed the 4D cinema.

Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Although / Despite she wasn't feeling well, Karen still took part in the race.
- We ordered a big pizza even though / in spite of we weren't very hungry.
- I passed the test in spite / despite of the fact that it was really hard.
- Although / Despite looking everywhere, Paul didn't find his watch.

1 Choose the correct words.

- We're going to go sailing today, **in spite / despite** of the rain.
- In spite of / Even though** the band was good, Alan didn't like the singer.
- I really enjoy ice-skating, **even though / in spite of** falling over a lot!
- I agreed to go sky-diving, **despite / although** the fact that I was a bit scared.
- He entered a chess competition, **in spite of / although** not being able to play.
- Although / Despite** we haven't got school tomorrow, we're not going to stay up late.

2 Complete the sentences so that they mean the same as the sentence below.

Nate is thin, but he's very strong.

- Despite being _____
- Although _____
- _____ though he is thin.
- In _____ is thin, Nate is very strong.
- Nate is very strong, despite _____ is thin.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use no more than three words in each gap.

- In spite of not being very fit, Peter wanted to go hiking in the mountains.
Although _____ very fit, Peter wanted to go hiking in the mountains.
- Even though he didn't have the correct shoes, he was determined to go.
He was determined to go, despite _____ the correct shoes.
- He was carrying a light backpack, but he soon got tired.
He soon got tired, _____ that he was carrying a light backpack.
- Although he ate snacks on the hike, he was still hungry.
_____ snacks on the hike, he was still hungry.
- His feet hurt, but he hiked to the top of a mountain.
He hiked to the top of a mountain, _____ though his feet hurt.
- Despite the amazing view, Peter decided never to go hiking again.
Although _____ amazing, Peter decided never to go hiking again.

Write a word or phrase from the box in each gap to complete the sentences. There is more than one correct answer.

although | despite | even though
in spite of

- She loved sailing, _____ she wasn't a very good swimmer.
- Lizzy's good at basketball, _____ being quite short.
- _____ the fact that I live near a lake, I've never been sailing.
- _____ we go skiing every winter, I'm not very keen on it.
- I would love to go sky-diving, _____ I'm sure I'd be quite scared!
- _____ trying his best, my dad just can't stay upright on a skateboard!

Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use two to five words, including the word given.

- Despite being scared of heights, my sister wanted to go sky-diving! **EVEN**
My sister wanted to go sky-diving _____ scared of heights.
- Although bungee jumping looks dangerous, I'm keen to have a go. **DESPITE**
I'm keen to have a go at bungee jumping _____ that it looks dangerous.
- Alysha fell over in the snow but she still had a great time. **SPITE**
Alysha had a great time _____ over in the snow.
- I climbed to the top diving board despite feeling really nervous. **ALTHOUGH**
I climbed to the top diving board _____ really nervous.
- We knew the water was freezing but we still went in. **DESPITE**
We still went in _____ the water was freezing.
- Although it was windy, they landed the hang-glider safely. **OF**
They landed the hang-glider safely _____