

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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

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

### 1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 We're going to go sailing today **in spite / despite** of the rain.
- 2 **In spite of / Even though** the band was good, Alan didn't like the singer.
- 3 I really enjoy ice-skating, **even though / in spite of** falling over a lot!

- 4 I agreed to go sky-diving, **despite / although** the fact that I was a bit scared.
- 5 He entered a chess competition, **in spite of / although** not being able to play.
- 6 **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.

- 1 Despite being \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Although \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ though he is thin.
- 4 In \_\_\_\_\_ is thin, Nate is very strong.
- 5 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.

- 1 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.
- 2 Even though he didn't have the correct shoes, he was determined to go.  
He was determined to go, despite \_\_\_\_\_ the correct shoes.
- 3 He was carrying a light backpack, but he soon got tired.  
He soon got tired, \_\_\_\_\_ that he was carrying a light backpack.

- 4 Although he ate snacks on the hike, he was still hungry.  
\_\_\_\_\_, he was still hungry.
- 5 His feet hurt, but he hiked to the top of a mountain.  
He hiked to the top of a mountain, \_\_\_\_\_ though his feet hurt.
- 6 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

- 1 She loved sailing, \_\_\_\_\_ she wasn't a very good swimmer.
- 2 Lizzy's good at basketball, \_\_\_\_\_ being quite short.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that I live near a lake, I've never been sailing.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ we go skiing every winter, I'm not very keen on it.
- 5 I would love to go sky-diving, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm sure I'd be quite scared!
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- 1 Despite being scared of heights, my sister wanted to go sky-diving! **EVEN**  
My sister wanted to go sky-diving \_\_\_\_\_ scared of heights.
- 2 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.
- 3 Alysha fell over in the snow but she still had a great time. **SPITE**  
Alysha had a great time \_\_\_\_\_ over in the snow.
- 4 I climbed to the top diving board despite feeling really nervous. **ALTHOUGH**  
I climbed to the top diving board \_\_\_\_\_ really nervous.
- 5 We knew the water was freezing but we still went in. **DESPITE**  
We still went in \_\_\_\_\_ the water was freezing.
- 6 Although it was windy, they landed the hang-glider safely. **OF**  
They landed the hang-glider \_\_\_\_\_