

I. Fill in blanks although, in spite of/despite

1. _____ the weather was bad, we enjoyed our trip.
2. The children slept well _____ the noise.
3. _____ earning a low salary, Linda gave money to her parents.
4. John rarely sees Paul _____ they live in the same town.
5. Julie failed the exam _____ of working very hard.
6. _____ it was cold, she didn't put on her coat.
7. Tom went to work _____ not feeling very well.
8. Anna never learned the language _____ she lived there for two years.
9. _____ of the difficulty, they managed to climb to the top of the mountain.
10. I couldn't eat _____ I was very hungry.

II. rewrite sentences

Although he was injured he managed to finish the race.

Answer: In spite of his injuries he managed to finish the race.

Despite the fact that he was injured he managed to finish the race.

1/ In spite of the terrible weather, the mountaineers still went on with their climb.

Although _____ they still went on with their climb.

2/ Despite his years, he can still manage to climb the hill.

Although he is getting older _____ to climb the hill.

3/ Although he had a cold, he went on working.

In spite of _____ he went on working.

4/ Although both his legs were broken in the accident he managed to get out of car before it exploded.

Despite his _____ to get out of the car before it exploded.

5/ Although he had a good salary, he was unhappy in his job.

In spite of the fact that _____ he was unhappy in his job.

6/ Despite his terrible toothache Harry refused to go to the dentist.

Although Harry _____ he refused to go to the dentist.

7/ In spite of her lack of height, she is still an excellent volleyball player.

SHORT

Although she _____ still
an excellent volleyball player.

8/ In spite of his humble background, Professor Thomas became an expert in his field.

FAMILY

Despite Professor Thomas _____
an expert in his field.

9/ Despite starting out late we arrived on time.

START

In spite of the fact _____ we
reached our destination on time.

10/ Despite the threat of a bus strike they decided to go to work as usual.

WENT

In spite of _____ as usual.

Rewrite these sentences using the different expressions above:

1/ **Although** he works hard, he never makes any money.
(rewrite it using **despite**)

2/ **Despite** its monopoly, the company was losing money.
(rewrite it with **although**)

3/ **Though** it's forbidden, people still smoke marijuana.
(rewrite it with **in spite of**)

4/ I never go out, **despite** getting a lot of invitations. (rewrite it with **though**)

5/ **Although** we have tested it, we can't be sure the product is safe.
(rewrite it with **despite**)

6/ **Although** he loves her, she doesn't want to get married.
(rewrite it with **in spite of**)
(Sometimes we must use pronouns me, him, her, them etc. to make the phrase clear).

7/ **Despite** his lack of talent, everyone thinks he is wonderful.
(rewrite it using **though**)

8/ **Though** he has many problems, Bob is always smiling. (rewrite it with **despite**)

9/ **Despite** us drinking all that beer, we didn't get drunk.
(rewrite it using **although**)

10/ **Although** Max helps Julie, she doesn't appreciate him.
(rewrite it with **in spite of**)