

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using "although, despite, in spite of". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

1. _____ the story of the film was good, I didn't like the acting.
2. I went to see the film _____ feeling really tired.
3. I really enjoyed the *Water War* _____ most of my friends said it wasn't a very good film.
4. _____ careful preparation, they had a lot of difficulties in making the film.
5. _____ the film was gripping, Tom slept from beginning to end.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences using "although, despite, in spite of, however, nevertheless". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

- (1) _____ Duong had lots of homework to do, he agreed to go shopping with his friend Nick. Nick loved to buy sportswear. (2) _____, Duong was more of a jeans and T-shirt kind of boy. (3) _____ the rain, they set off on Sunday morning for the town centre. Nick, as always, had more cash than Duong. (4) _____, Duong was better at buying things cheaply or for less than their usual prices. They were hungry and had lunch at the local burger bar. (5) _____ they had spent nearly all their money, there were still a few shops that Nick wanted to visit, and (6) _____ having aching feet, Duong and Nick spent more hours shopping.

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1. The film didn't receive good reviews from critics. _____, many people went to see it.
2. _____ the silly story, many people enjoyed the film.
3. They spent millions of dollars on making the film. _____, it wasn't as successful as expected.
4. _____ *Jaws* is one of Spielberg's first films, it is one of his best.
5. _____ the film was a bit frightening, I really enjoyed it.

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences using "although, despite, in spite of, however, nevertheless". Sometimes, two answers are possible.

1. I think I did ok in my speech last night, _____ I'd had almost no sleep for 24 hours.
2. _____ I heard the telephone ring, I didn't answer it.
3. We enjoyed our holiday _____ the rain.
4. _____ he got top marks at high school, he never went to university.
5. _____ there was no electricity, I was able to read because I

had a candle.

6. She failed the test _____ she studied hard.

7. _____ difficulties, the firemen managed to save many people who were caught in the fire.

8. Everyone thought she would accept the offer. _____, she turned it down.

9. Carol arrived at the meeting _____ I asked her not to be there.

10. It looks like they're going to succeed _____ their present difficulties.