

Clauses of Contrast

Combine the following sentences using: **in spite of, despite, in spite of the fact that, or despite the fact that.**

1. I really **like** water sports. I don't enjoy swimming in the sea.

I don't enjoy swimming in the sea **in spite of** really **liking** water sports.

I don't enjoy swimming in the sea **in spite of the fact that** I really **like** water sports.

I don't enjoy swimming in the sea **despite** really **liking** water sports.

I don't enjoy swimming in the sea **despite the fact that** I really like water sports.

2. I **work** overtime whenever I can. I never save money.

in spite of

despite the fact that

3. The book **was** a best seller. The movie was a flop.

despite

in spite of the fact that

4. I **paid** \$500 for these boots. They are wearing thin after a month.

in spite of

despite

5. It **was** 40 degrees centigrade. We reached the summit by noon.

in spite of the fact that

in spite of

6. Your application **is** impressive. We have no vacancies at the moment.

despite

despite the fact that

7. I **like** you. I will not tolerate such behaviour.

in spite of

despite the fact that

8. The beach **is** very polluted. Many tourists visit every year.

despite

despite the fact that

9. It **is** very cold. I intend to go swimming.

in spite of the fact that

in spite of

10. She **studies** fashion and design. She has no dress sense.

despite

in spite of the fact that

Fill in the spaces using: in spite of, despite, in spite of the fact that, or despite the fact that.

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| 1. We enjoyed our holiday | the bad weather. |
| 2. We enjoyed our holiday | the weather was bad. |
| 3. She got married | her parents withheld their consent. |
| 4. She got married | her parents withholding their consent. |
| 5. She achieved a distinction | doing very little work. |
| 6. She passed all her exams | she did hardly any work. |
| 7. He lives a very simple life | he is very rich. |
| 8. He lives a very simple life | being very rich. |
| 9. He paints beautifully | he is blind. |
| 10. He plays the piano beautifully | being blind. |
| 11. I went out on my bike | it was raining. |
| 12. I went swimming | the rain. |
| 13. I like your cousin | he can be very annoying. |
| 14. I like your cousin | his annoying ways. |
| 15. Jane still drives her car | her age. |
| 16. Jane still drives her car | she is getting old. |
| 17. We lost the game | practising all week. |
| 18. We lost the game | we practised all week. |
| 19. I walked home in the rain | not having an umbrella. |
| 20. I walked home in the rain | I didn't have an umbrella. |