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

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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.

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.

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