

Language in use

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.

_____ snacks on the hike, 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.