

# 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.