

Exercise 9

Read the information. Then combine the sentences. Use the words in brackets. Remember, some of these sentences require punctuation to be marked as correct. The first one has been done for you.

Despite and *although* are both used to show contrast. While they are both similar in meaning, there is a difference in the way they are used. *Despite* is used before a noun or gerund. For example:

*We had a great time at the science fair, **despite** the terrible weather.*
***Despite** having a cold, David went to work.*

Despite can also be used before *the fact that*. For example:

***Despite the fact that** there were a lot of changes in the company, people were happy with the new structure.*

Although is used before the subject and the verb. For example:

***Although** the design of the new car was good, it wasn't environmentally friendly.*

1. We were exhausted from our trip / we continued working on the presentation. (although)

Although we were exhausted from our trip, we continued working on the presentation.

2. He still enjoys working on the new research project / the long hours and complicated work. (despite)

He still enjoys

_____.

3. He has studied nanotechnology for several years / he still feels he has huge gaps in his knowledge. (although)

_____ in his knowledge.

4. They informed us that all the tests had been carried out / scientists were still working on them when we arrived. (although)

_____ on
them when we arrived.

5. She has impressive scientific qualifications / she hasn't been able to find a job in space technology. (despite)

_____ a job
in space technology.

6. We had been very careful in all our clinical research / we couldn't conclusively prove that excessive use of chewing gum has a negative effect on digestion. (although)

_____ that
excessive use of chewing gum has a negative effect on digestion.