

## Contrast clause

1. When you want to contrast two statements, you use

- **Although (хоча)**    **Though (хоча)**    **Even though (незважаючи на)**

*Although he was late, he stopped to buy a sandwich.*

*Though he has lived in London for years, he writes in French.*

*I used to love listening to her, even though I could only understand about half of what she said.*

✚ Sometimes words **‘still’**, **‘nevertheless’**, **‘just the same’** are used in the main clause to add emphasis to the contrast.

*Although I was shocked, I still couldn't blame him.*

*Although his company is profitable, it nevertheless needs to face up to some serious problems.*

*Although she hated them, she agreed to help them just the same.*

2. When the subject of the contrast clause and the main clauses are the same, you can often omit subject and the verb **‘be’** in the contrast clause.

- *Although poor, we still have our pride. (although we are poor...)*

3. We may use **‘however’** (проте) in contrast clause

- *I was very excited to be invited to lunch however I had already made plans.*
- *The pattern was certainly original however the new wallpaper did not match the furniture at all.*

4. Contrast is sometimes made with the help of **‘Despite’**, **‘In spite of’**, followed by a noun clause

*Despite the difference in their ages they were close friends.*

*In spite of poor health, my father was always cheerful.*

\*you say **‘in spite of’**, but **‘despite’** without of\*

You can also use -ing form after despite or in spite of

*Despite working hard, I failed my exam.*

*Their coalition is against tax rises, in spite of wanting lower inflation.*

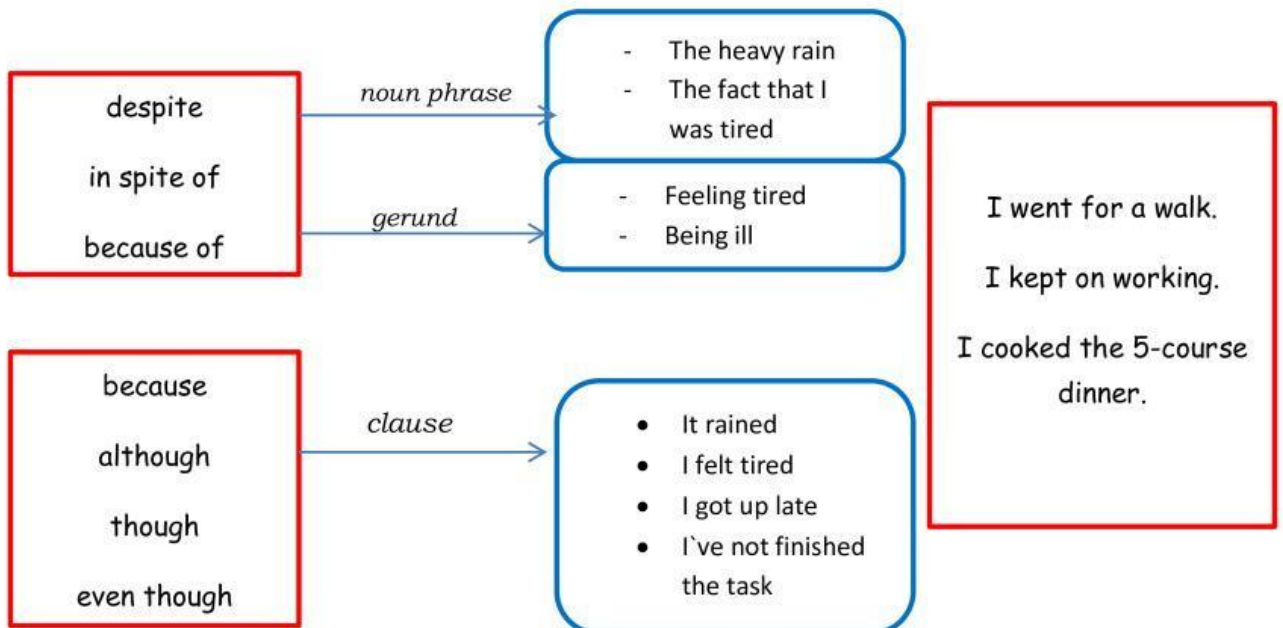
5. You can use **‘despite the fact that’** or **‘in spite of the fact that’**, followed by a clause.

Despite the fact that it sounds like science fiction, most of it technically possible at the moment.

They ignored this order, in spite of the fact that they would probably get into trouble.

\*it is possible to omit `that`, especially in spoken English.  
He insisted on playing, in spite of the fact he had a bad cold.

- **Though** I have had more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- **Although** I have had more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- I have had more than 20 lessons **however** I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- **In spite of** having more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- **In spite of the fact that** I have had more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- **Despite** having more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.
- **Despite the fact that** I have had more than 20 lessons, I am still not ready to take my driving test.



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### 1. Rewrite the sentences

*In spite of winning the competition, he wasn't satisfied. (although)*

*Although he had won the competition, he wasn't satisfied.*

- She had a toothache but she didn't go to the dentist. (despite)
- The house was in a bad condition but they bought it. (however)
- Even though he has everything, he isn't happy. (despite)
- Although she is on a diet, she eats a lot of chocolate. (in spite of)
- He had the necessary qualification. He couldn't get a job. (although)
- She seems very friendly. She isn't reliable. (however)
- The holiday started very badly. We had a fantastic time. (even though)
- Why are you always late? Your house is very close to work. (despite)
- The sun is shining. It is cold outside. (however)
- He had little money left. He behaved like a rich man. (in spite of)
- She was beautiful. She couldn't get part in the film. (although)

### 2. Choose the correct conjunction

- Although/ despite being on a diet, she still eats fatty food.
- We won't go to the party although/however we are invited.
- I will never forgive him despite/however his excuses.
- They got up early, although/ however they couldn't catch a bus.
- He had a lot of homework, although/ however he watched TV all evening.
- In spite of/ even though all problems, we finished the project on time.
- Despite/ although I warned him several times, he went on smoking.
- He never asks for money although/ in spite of he needs it.
- He worked for hours however/ in spite of being too tired.
- In spite of/ although increasing population, they don't build enough houses.
- However/ although the weather was bad, we enjoyed the trip.
- Tom went to the party despite/ although feeling sick.
- I couldn't eat even though/ however I was hungry.

### 3. Complete the sentences

- Despite having a lot of work to do \_\_\_\_\_
- Even though they are too busy \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, however he saw his friend off.
- In spite of studying hard, \_\_\_\_\_
- Although it is late, \_\_\_\_\_
- Although Tom is rich \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, however he always gets ill.
- In spite of living in the USA, \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, however she never arrives on time.
- Despite being talkative, \_\_\_\_\_
- In spite of the snow, \_\_\_\_\_
- Even though the book was interesting , \_\_\_\_\_
- Although my foot was injured, \_\_\_\_\_
- Even though he was exhausted, \_\_\_\_\_
- In spite of being British, \_\_\_\_\_
- Even though I found the exam easy, \_\_\_\_\_
  
- I have got wet in the rain,
- They managed to work,
- The manager made us to work on Saturday,
- She still goes jogging every day,
- New York is a very popular destination for travellers,
- Peter is a successful lawyer,
- We hardly ever see each other,
- I enjoyed the film,
- I succeeded in project
- She is happy,
- He is not a very efficient worker,
- I couldn't sleep,
- We rarely take a bus to work,