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17 **Listen and repeat. Then act out.**





Clauses of Concession

Clauses of Concession are used to express a contrast. They are introduced with the following words/phrases:

- **Although / Even though / Though (informal) + clause**
  ('Though' can also be put at the end of the sentence.) ***Although*** *she spent all afternoon on the project, she didn't finish it. She spent all afternoon on the project. She didn't finish it,* ***though****.*
- **Despite / In spite of + noun / *-ing* form**
  Despite / In spite of their wealth*, they aren't happy.* ***Despite / In spite of being rich****, they aren't happy.*
  Despite / In spite of the fact + that-clause
  Despite the fact / In spite of the fact that they are rich*, they aren't happy.*
- **While / Whereas / But / On the other hand / Yet + clause**
  He's tall ***while / whereas / but / on the other hand*** *she is short.* **But / Yet always come between the two clauses.** *Tom studied hard,* ***but*** *he failed the exam. Tom studied hard,* ***yet*** *he failed the exam.*
- **Nevertheless / However + clause**
  John's flat was on fire. ***Nevertheless****, he didn't panic. John's flat was on fire.* ***However****, he didn't panic.*
- **However / No matter how + adjective / adverb + subject + (may) + verb**
  However slowly he speaks*, he can't make himself understood.* ***No matter how slowly he may speak****, he can't make himself understood.*
- **Whatever / No matter what + clause**
  Whatever he said*, she wasn't convinced.* ***No matter what*** *he said, she wasn't convinced.*
- **Adjective / Adverb + though + subject + verb / may + infinitive without *to***
  Well-qualified though he is/he may be*, he can't find a job.* ***Early though he left/he may have left****, he didn't arrive on time.*
- **Adjective / Adverb + as + subject + verb**
  Careful as she is*, she had an accident.*
  Clauses of concession express opposition or unexpected results. ***Even though she is a careful driver****, she had a terrible accident. (unexpected result)* ***In spite of the rain****, the game wasn't called off.* (opposition)
  A comma is used both when the clause of concession precedes and follows the main clause.
  Even though she was tired, she worked overtime. She worked overtime, even though she was tired.

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22 Underline the correct item.

1 **However** / **Although** hard he studies, he doesn't get good marks.
2 My sister has dark hair **whereas** / **despite** I am blonde.
3 **Despite** / **While** going on a diet, she put on five kilos.
4 Clever **whereas** / **as** he is, he failed the test.
5 **Even though** / **Despite** he had little money, he insisted on paying for the meal.
6 **In spite of** / **Whatever** I say, she doesn't believe me.
7 I invited Sue. She didn't come, **although** / **though**.
8 My mother is French **whereas** / **even though** my father is Polish.
9 Persuasive **though** / **but** you may be, I won't change my mind.
10 **Even though** / **Despite** we're good friends, we don't meet very often.

23 Fill in: *even though*, *however*, *whereas*, *though* or *despite*.

1 A: Does Laura have a driving licence?
B: No. She took a lot of lessons; ..... *however* ..... she failed the test.

2 A: Isn't John too short to play basketball?
B: Not at all. ..... his size, he's actually a great player.

3 A: I think we have the same type of MP3 player.
B: No. Yours can play videos ..... mine can't.

4 A: Arsenal lost their match at the weekend.
B: I know. They're still top of the league table, ...

5 A: ..... Sarah eats a lot of junk food, she never puts on weight.
B: True, but it's still bad for her health.

24 Match the words/phrases in the three columns. Then make sentences using the words/phrases: *even though*, *however*, *despite the fact* or *yet*.



Jobs
- teacher
- footballer
- nurse
- pilot

Pros
- get long holidays
- earn a lot of money
- get the chance to help sick people
- travel around the world

Cons
- have short careers
- need to work at home a lot
- work long shifts
- be away from home a lot





A *Even though teachers get long holidays, they need to work at home a lot.*



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25 **Rephrase the sentences using the words in brackets, as in the example.**

1 Alan has a cold. He wants to play in the football match. **(despite, although)**
Despite having a cold, Alan wants to play in the football match.
Although Alan has a cold, he wants to play in the football match.

2 I studied all weekend. I didn't pass the test. **(nevertheless, in spite of)**

3 Paul looks exhausted. He's just come back from a holiday. **(even though, however)**

4 John plays the guitar very well. He has a terrible voice. **(but, however)**

5 It was snowing. He decided to walk to school. **(although, despite)**

6 Spielberg is my favourite director. I don't have any of his films on DVD. **(while, yet)**

26 **Fill in: *despite*, *but*, *even though*, *no matter how*, *whereas* or *no matter what*.**

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