

Concessive Clauses

Complete the sentences with *although* / *in spite of* / *because* / *because of*.

Although it rained a lot, we had a good time.

- A. _____ all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.
B. _____ we'd planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
- A. I went home early _____ I was feeling unwell.
B. I went to work the next day _____ I was still feeling unwell.
- A. Chris only accepted the job _____ the salary, which was very high.
B. Sam accepted the job _____ the salary, which was rather low.
- A. _____ there was a lot of noise, I slept quite well.
A. I couldn't get to sleep _____ the noise.

Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences.

I couldn't sleep. I was very tired. (despite)

I couldn't sleep *despite* being very tired.

- We played quite well. We lost the game. (in spite of)
In spite _____
- I'd hurt my foot. I managed to walk home. (although)

- I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (in spite of)

- We live in the same building. We hardly ever see each other. (despite)

5. They came to the party. They hadn't been invited. (even though)

Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There is one extra word or phrase.

*wherever – nevertheless much – in spite – difficult
though it was – hard as she tried – despite – while –
all the same*

While everyone said it was a great book, I found it really boring.

1. _____, she was pleased that she did her speech in the local language.
2. _____ you decide to go on holiday, I'm sure you'll have a lovely time.
3. _____ as I enjoy contemporary art, I can't face another exhibition.
4. It was an extremely long film. _____, I stayed up to see the end of it.
5. _____ of being very nervous, he did well in his oral exam.
6. I'm not sure he needs another dictionary but I'll buy him one _____.
7. _____ all the speaker's efforts to explain the science, I understood very little.