

PHRASES AND CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

I. Cụm từ chỉ sự nhượng bộ (Phrases of concession)

Cụm từ chỉ sự nhượng bộ thường bắt đầu bằng ***In spite of / Despite*** (mặc dù, cho dù)

in spite of despite	+ noun/ noun phrase/ gerund phrase
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Ex: Despite his physical handicap, he has become a successful businessman.

In spite of having a headache, I enjoyed the film.

We understood him in spite of his accent.

*Cụm từ chỉ sự nhượng bộ có thể được đặt ở trước hoặc sau mệnh đề chính.

II. Mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ sự nhượng bộ (Adverbial clauses of Concession)

Mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ sự nhượng bộ là mệnh đề phụ chỉ sự tương phản của hai hành động trong câu. Mệnh đề này thường được bắt đầu với ***although, though, even though, no matter, whatever*** (dù, cho dù)

although/ though/ even though	+ S	+ V
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Ex: Although the weather was very bad, we had a picnic.

We took many pictures though the sky was cloudy.

Even though I didn't know anybody at the party, I had a nice time.

No matter	+ who/ what/ when/ where/ why/ how (adj, adv)	+ S	+ V
Whatever (+ N)	+ S	+ V	

Ex: No matter who you are, I still love you.

No matter what she says, I don't believe her.

Whatever others may say, you are certainly right.

EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Combine each pair of sentences below, using the conjunction given in parantheses.

1. He is very rich. He isn't happy. (ALTHOUGH)

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2. He is very rich. He isn't happy. (NO MATTER)

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3. She can't answer my question. She is very intelligent. (ALTHOUGH)

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4. She can't answer my question. She is very intelligent. (NO MATTER)

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5. He does anything. He is always careful. (WHATEVER)

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6. He does anything. he always tries his best. (NO MATTER)

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7. She says anything. I don't believe her. (WHATEVER)

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8. She says anything. I don't believe her. (NO MATTER)

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9. He tried. He was not successful. (NO MATTER)

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10. He tried. He was not successful. (ALTHOUGH)

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11. His life is hard. He is determined to study well. (ALTHOUGH)

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12. He life is hard. He is determined to study well. (NO MATTER)

→

13. He was wise and experienced. He was taken in. (THOUGH)

→

14. He got good jobs. He was not satisfied. (NO MATTER)

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15. He got good jobs. He was not satisfied. (EVEN THOUGH)

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16. You do any job. You should do it devotedly. (WHATEVER)

→

17. He lived anywhere. He always thought of his homeland. (NO MATTER)

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18. It was cold. He didn't wear warm clothes. (NO MATTER)

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19. He often tells lies. Many people believe him. (ALTHOUGH)

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20. You return at any time. She waits for you. (NO MATTER)

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Exercise 2: Make clauses of concession with WHATEVER.

1. No matter what happens, don't forget to write to me.

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2. She will refuse to consider our proposal even if we made any kinds of effort to persuade her.

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3. No matter what kinds of exercises he had taken, he was still putting on weight.

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4. No matter what sorts of difficulties you may encounter, you should keep your promise.

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5. No matter what he says, nobody believes him.

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6. You should review all your lessons before taking your exam although you have any kinds of difficulties.

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7. Although he had taken any kinds of exercises, he got fatter and fatter.

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8. You should always study hard although you encounter difficulties.

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9. Although others may say anything, she is certainly right.

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10. Although he chose any job, his parents were pleased with him.

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Exercise 3: Change clauses of concession to phrases.

1. She didn't eat much though she was hungry.

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2. He couldn't solve the problem though he is good at maths.

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3. Mr. Pike doesn't wear glasses though he is over sixty.

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4. Although he had much experience in machinery, he didn't succeed in repairing this machine.

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5. Although it got dark, they continued to work.

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6. Although it was noisy, I kept on studying.

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7. Although it rained heavily, I went to school on time.

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8. The flight was not delayed though it was foggy.

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9. He ate all the fruits though they were green.

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10. We did the test well though it was difficult.

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11. Although he is strong, I'm not afraid of him.

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12. Everybody has great regard for him though he is poor.

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13. The plane took off though the weather was bad.

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14. He didn't stop his car though the traffic lights turned red.

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15. He studied very well though his life was hard at that time.

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16. Although the streets are narrow, many people drive cars in this city.

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17. Although his English was good, he wasn't chosen.

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18. Although he's got an English name, he is in fact German.

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19. He always studies hard though he encounters difficulties.

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20. Although the weather is bad, we are going to have a picnic.

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