Unit 112

even

A Study this example situation:

Tina loves watching TV.

She has a television in every room of the house, **even the bathroom**.

We use **even** to say that something is unusual or surprising. It is not usual to have a television in the bathroom.



Some more examples:

- These pictures are really awful. **Even I** take better pictures than these. (and I'm certainly not a good photographer)
- He always wears a coat, **even in hot weather**.
- The print was very small. I couldn't read it, **even with glasses**.
- Nobody would help her, **not even her best friend**. *or* **Not even** her best friend would help her.

B You can use **even** with the verb in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110):

- Laura has travelled all over the world. She's **even** been to the Antarctic.
- They are very rich. They **even** have their own private jet.

You can use **even** with a negative (**not even**, **can't even**, **don't even** etc.):

- I can't cook. I **can't even** boil an egg. (and boiling an egg is very easy)
- They weren't very friendly to us. They **didn't even** say hello.
- Jessica is very fit. She's been running quite fast and she's **not even** out of breath.

C You can use **even** + *comparative* (**cheaper** / **more expensive** etc.):

- I got up very early, but Jack got up **even earlier**.
- I knew I didn't have much money, but I have **even less** than I thought.
- We were very surprised to get an email from her. We were **even more surprised** when she came to see us a few days later.

D **even though** / **even when** / **even if**

We use **even though** / **even when** / **even if** + *subject* + *verb*:

- **Even though Tina can't** drive, she has a car.
  subject + *verb*
- He never shouts, **even when he's** angry.
- This river is dangerous. It's dangerous to swim in it, **even if you're** a strong swimmer.

We do not use **even** + *subject* + *verb*. We say:

- **Even though she can't** drive, she has a car. (*not* even she can't drive)
- I can't reach the shelf **even if I stand** on a chair. (*not* even I stand)

Compare **even if** and **even** (without **if**):

- It's dangerous to swim here **even if you're** a strong swimmer. (*not* even you are)
- The river is dangerous, **even for strong swimmers**.

Compare **even if** and **if**:

- We're going to the beach tomorrow. It doesn't matter what the weather is like. We're going **even if** the weather is bad.
- We want to go to the beach tomorrow, but we won't go **if** the weather is bad.

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113.1 **Complete the sentences. Use although + a sentence from the box.**

I didn't speak the language well	she has a very important job
I had never seen her before	we don't like them very much
it was quite cold	the heating was on
I'd met her twice before	we've known each other a long time

1 Although she has a very important job, she isn't well-paid.
2 ....., I recognised her from a photo.
3 Sarah wasn't wearing a coat .....
4 We decided to invite them to the party .....
5 ....., I managed to make myself understood.
6 ....., the room wasn't warm.
7 I didn't recognise her .....
8 We're not close friends .....

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

1 Although it rained a lot, we had a good time.
2 a ..... all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.
b ..... we'd planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
3 a I went home early ..... I was feeling unwell.
b I went to work the next day ..... I was still feeling unwell.
4 a Chris only accepted the job ..... the salary, which was very high.
b Sam accepted the job ..... the salary, which was rather low.
5 a ..... there was a lot of noise, I slept quite well.
b I couldn't get to sleep ..... the noise.

Use your own ideas to complete the following sentences:

6 a He passed the exam although .....
b He passed the exam because .....
7 a I didn't eat much although .....
b I didn't eat much in spite of .....

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

1 I couldn't sleep. I was very tired. (despite)
I couldn't sleep despite being very tired.
2 We played quite well. We lost the game. (in spite of)
In spite .....
3 I'd hurt my foot. I managed to walk home. (although)
.....
4 I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (in spite of)
.....
5 We live in the same building. We hardly ever see each other. (despite)
.....
6 They came to the party. They hadn't been invited. (even though)
.....

113.4 **Use the words in brackets to make a sentence with though at the end.**

1 The house isn't very nice. (like / garden) I like the garden though.
2 I enjoyed reading the book. (very long) .....
3 We didn't like the food. (ate) .....
4 Laura is very nice. (don't like / husband) I .....

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114.1 **Sophie is going for a long walk in the country. You're worried about her because:**

perhaps she'll be thirsty	she might need to call somebody	maybe she'll get lonely
it's possible she'll get lost	perhaps she'll get hungry	maybe it will rain

You advise her to take some things with her. Complete the sentences using in case.

1 Take a map *in case you get lost*.
2 You should take some chocolate .....
3 You'll need an anorak .....
4 Take plenty of water .....
5 Don't forget your phone .....
6 Shall I come with you .....?

114.2 **What do you say in these situations? Use in case.**

1 It's possible that Jane will need to contact you, so you give her your phone number.
You say: I'll give you my phone number *in case you need to contact me*.

2 A friend of yours is going away for a long time. Maybe you won't see her again before she goes, so you decide to say goodbye now.
You say: I'll say goodbye now .....

3 You are buying food in a supermarket with a friend. You think you have everything you need, but maybe you've forgotten something. Your friend has the list. You ask her to check it.
You say: Can you .....?

4 You're shopping with a friend. She's just bought some jeans, but she didn't try them on. Maybe they won't fit her, so you advise her to keep the receipt.
You say: Keep .....

114.3 **Complete the sentences using in case.**

1 It was possible that it would rain, so I took an umbrella.
I took an umbrella *in case it rained*.
2 I thought that I might forget the name of the book. So I wrote it down.
I wrote down the name of the book .....
3 I thought my parents might be worried about me. So I phoned them.
I phoned my parents .....
4 I sent an email to Lisa, but she didn't reply. So I sent another email because maybe she didn't get the first one.
I sent her another email .....
5 I met some people when I was on holiday in France. They said they might come to London one day. I live in London, so I gave them my phone number.
I gave them my phone number .....

114.4 **Put in in case or if.**

1 I'll draw a map for you *in case* you have a problem finding our house.
2 You should tell the police *if* you have any information about the crime.
3 I hope you'll come to Australia sometime. ..... you come, you must visit us.
4 I made a copy of the document ..... something happens to the original.
5 This book belongs to Kate. Can you give it to her ..... you see her?
6 Write your name and phone number on your bag ..... you lose it.
7 Go to the lost property office ..... you lose your bag.
8 The burglar alarm will ring ..... somebody tries to break into the house.
9 You should lock your bike to something ..... somebody tries to steal it.
10 I was advised to get insurance ..... I needed medical treatment while I was abroad.

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115.1 **Write a new sentence with the same meaning. Use unless in your sentence.**

1 You must try a bit harder, or you won't pass the exam.
You won't pass the exam unless you try a bit harder.
2 Listen carefully, or you won't know what to do.
You won't know what to do .....
3 She must apologise to me, or I'll never speak to her again.
.....
4 You have to speak very slowly, or he won't understand you.
.....
5 Business must improve soon, or the company will have to close.
.....
6 We need to do something soon, or the problem will get worse.
.....

115.2 **Write sentences with unless.**

1 The club isn't open to everyone. You're allowed in only if you're a member.
You aren't allowed in the club unless you're a member.
2 I don't want to go to the party alone. I'm going only if you go too.
I'm not going .....
3 Don't worry about the dog. It will chase you only if you move suddenly.
The dog .....
4 Ben isn't very talkative. He'll speak to you only if you ask him something.
Ben .....
5 Today is a public holiday. The doctor will see you only if it's an emergency.
The doctor .....

115.3 **Which is correct?**

1 You can borrow my car unless / as long as you promise not to drive too fast.
(as long as *is correct*)
2 We're going to the beach tomorrow unless / providing the weather is bad.
3 We're going to the beach tomorrow unless / providing the weather is good.
4 I don't mind if you come home late unless / as long as you come in quietly.
5 I'm going now unless / provided you want me to stay.
6 I don't watch TV unless / as long as I have nothing else to do.
7 Children are allowed to use the swimming pool unless / provided they are with an adult.
8 Unless / Provided they are with an adult, children are not allowed to use the swimming pool.
9 We can sit here in the corner unless / as long as you'd rather sit by the window.
10 A: Our holiday cost a lot of money.
B: Did it? Well, that doesn't matter unless / as long as you enjoyed yourselves.

115.4 **Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.**

1 We'll be late unless we take a taxi.
2 I like hot weather as long as .....
3 It takes 20 minutes to drive to the airport provided .....
4 I don't mind walking home as long as .....
5 I like to walk to work in the morning unless .....
6 We can meet tomorrow unless .....
7 I'll lend you the money providing .....
8 I'll tell you a secret as long as .....
9 You won't achieve anything unless .....

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116.1 **In this exercise as means 'at the same time as'. Use as to join sentences from the boxes.**

1 We all waved goodbye to Liz	we were driving along the road.
2 I listened	I was taking a hot dish out of the oven.
3 I burnt myself	she drove away.
4 The spectators cheered	she told me her story.
5 A dog ran out in front of the car	the two teams came onto the field.

1 We all waved goodbye to Liz as she drove away.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....

116.2 **In this exercise as means 'because'. Join sentences from the boxes beginning with as.**

1 I was hungry	we went for a walk by the canal
2 today is a public holiday	I tried to be very quiet
3 I didn't want to disturb anybody	I decided to find somewhere to eat
4 I can't go to the concert	all government offices are shut
5 it was a nice day	you can have my ticket

1 As I was hungry, I decided to find somewhere to eat.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....

116.3 **What does as mean in these sentences?**

	because	*at the same time as*
1 **As** they lived near us, we used to see them quite often.	✓	
2 Kate slipped **as** she was getting off the bus.		✓
3 **As** I was tired, I went to bed early.		
4 Unfortunately, **as** I was parking the car, I hit the car behind me.		
5 **As** we climbed the hill, we got more and more tired.		
6 We decided to go out to eat **as** we had no food at home.		
7 **As** we don't use the car very often, we've decided to sell it.		

116.4 **In some of these sentences, as is not correct. Correct the sentences where necessary.**

1 Julia got married as she was 22. — when she was 22
2 As the day went on, the weather got worse. — OK
3 He dropped the glass as he was taking it out of the cupboard. — .....
4 I lost my phone as I was in London. — .....
5 As I left school, I didn't know what to do. — .....
6 The train slowed down as it approached the station. — .....
7 I used to live near the sea as I was a child. — .....
8 We can walk to the hotel as it isn't far from here. — .....

116.5 **Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.**

1 Just as I sat down, the doorbell rang.
2 I saw you as .....
3 It started to rain just as .....
4 As she doesn't have a phone, ...
5 Just as I took the picture, ...

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117.1 **In some of these sentences, you need like (not as). Correct the sentences where necessary. Write '*OK*' if the sentence is correct.**

1 It's raining again. I hate weather as this. — I hate weather like this.
2 You should have done it as I showed you. — OK
3 Do you think James looks as his father? .....
4 He gets on my nerves. I can't stand people as him. .....
5 Why didn't you do it as I told you to do it? .....
6 As her mother, Katherine has a very good voice. .....
7 You never listen. Talking to you is as talking to the wall. .....
8 I prefer the room as it was, before we decorated it. .....
9 I'll phone you tomorrow as usual, OK? .....
10 She's a very good swimmer. She swims as a fish. .....

117.2 **Which goes with which?**

1 I won't be able to come to the party.	a It was full, as I expected.	1 c
2 I like Tom's idea.	b As I've told you before, it's boring.	2 .....
3 I'm fed up with my job.	c As you know, I'll be away.	3 .....
4 You drive too fast.	d You can do as you like.	4 .....
5 You don't have to take my advice.	e Let's do as he suggests.	5 .....
6 I couldn't get a seat on the train.	f You should take more care, as I keep telling you.	6 .....

117.3 **Complete the sentences using like or as + the following:**

a beginner **blocks of ice** **a palace** **a birthday present**
a child **a theatre** **winter** **a tour guide**

1 This house is beautiful. It's like a palace.
2 My feet are really cold. They're .....
3 I've been playing tennis for years, but I still play .....
4 Marion once had a part-time job .....
5 I wonder what that building is. It looks .....
6 My brother gave me this watch ..... a long time ago.
7 It's very cold for the middle of summer. It's .....
8 He's 22 years old, but he sometimes behaves .....

117.4 **Put in like or as. Sometimes either word is possible.**

1 We heard a noise like a baby crying.
2 I wish I had a car ..... yours.
3 Hannah has been working ..... a waitress for the last two months.
4 We saw Kevin last night. He was very cheerful, ... always.
5 You waste a lot of time doing things ..... sitting in cafes all day.
6 ..... you can imagine, we were very tired after such a long journey.
7 Tom showed me some photos of the city ..... it was thirty years ago.
8 My neighbour's house is full of interesting things. It's ..... a museum.
9 In some countries in Asia, ... Japan, Indonesia and Thailand, traffic drives on the left.
10 The weather hasn't changed. It's the same ..... yesterday.
11 You're different from the other people I know. I don't know anyone else ..... you.
12 The news that they are getting married came ..... a complete surprise to me.
13 This tea is awful. It tastes ..... water.
14 Suddenly there was a terrible noise. It was ..... a bomb exploding.
15 Right now I'm working in a shop. It's not great, but it's OK ..... a temporary job.
16 Brian is a student, ... most of his friends.

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