

# 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.

## Exercises

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

I didn't speak the language well  
I had never seen her before  
it was quite cold  
I'd met her twice before

she has a very important job  
we don't like them very much  
the heating was on  
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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercises

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

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

## Exercises

**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 ...

## Exercises

**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.
- 2 I listened.
- 3 I burnt myself.
- 4 The spectators cheered.
- 5 A dog ran out in front of the car.

we were driving along the road.  
I was taking a hot dish out of the oven.  
she drove away.  
she told me her story.  
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.
- 2 today is a public holiday.
- 3 I didn't want to disturb anybody.
- 4 I can't go to the concert.
- 5 it was a nice day.

we went for a walk by the canal.  
I tried to be very quiet.  
I decided to find somewhere to eat.  
all government offices are shut.  
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?

- 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.

because \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time as \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1 Julia got married as she was 22.
- 2 As the day went on, the weather got worse.
- 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.

when she was 22

OK

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Just as I took the picture, the dog ran away.

## Exercises

**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.
- 2 You should have done it as I showed you.
- 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.

I hate weather like this.

OK

**117.2** Which goes with which?

- 1 I won't be able to come to the party.
- 2 I like Tom's idea.
- 3 I'm fed up with my job.
- 4 You drive too fast.
- 5 You don't have to take my advice.
- 6 I couldn't get a seat on the train.

- a It was full, as I expected.
- b As I've told you before, it's boring.
- c As you know, I'll be away.
- d You can do as you like.
- e Let's do as he suggests.
- f You should take more care, as I keep telling you.

- 1 c
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

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

<b>a beginner</b>	<b>blocks of ice</b>	<b>a palace</b>	<b>a birthday present</b>
<b>a child</b>	<b>a theatre</b>	<b>winter</b>	<b>a tour guide</b>

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

a long time ago.

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