Although, Even though, Despite, In Spite of

1) Read the text and complete the activities below

We had been planning our hiking trip for months. Although we had checked the weather forecast repeatedly, we were still surprised by the sudden storm. Even though we had packed waterproof jackets, the heavy rain soaked all our clothes within minutes.

Despite the difficult conditions, we continued our hike, determined to reach the top. In spite of the slippery paths and strong winds, we managed to climb higher. The view was breathtaking, making all the effort worthwhile.

By the time we reached the peak, the rain had stopped. Although we were exhausted, we felt incredibly proud of ourselves. Even though the journey had been challenging, it became one of the best experiences of our lives.

a. Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with "although," "even though," "despite," or "in spite of."

1. _____ checking the forecast, the group was surprised by the storm.
2. Their waterproof jackets didn't help _____ the heavy rain.
3. _____ the difficult conditions, they kept hiking.
4. _____ the slippery paths, they managed to continue.
5. The rain eventually stopped, but they felt exhausted _____ reaching the top.

b. Paraphrase the sentences using the word in brackets without changing the meaning.

1. Although they had checked the forecast, the storm surprised them. (Despite)

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2. Even though they were exhausted, they reached the top. (In spite of)

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3. Despite the difficult conditions, they kept hiking. (Although)

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4. In spite of the rain, they didn't turn back. (Even though)

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5. Despite the strong winds, they climbed higher. (Although)

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c. Each sentence has a mistake. Identify and correct it.

1. Despite they checked the weather, they were surprised.

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2. Even though the rain, they didn't stop walking.

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3. Although being tired, they continued climbing.

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4. In spite of they tried their best, they struggled to reach the top.

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5. Despite of the slippery paths, they reached the peak.

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