

UNIT 7

CONNECTORS AND CLAUSES OF CONTRAST



ALTHOUGH + SUBJECT/VERB

ALTHOUGH HE STUDIED, HE FAILED THE TEST.

DESPITE + NOUN/GERUND

DESPITE STUDYING, HE FAILED THE TEST.
HIS STUDIES

_____ . **HOWEVER**, _____.

HE STUDIED. **HOWEVER**, HE FAILED THE TEST.

Clauses of Contrast

We use them when there are two sentences which are related.

For example "Although I have 92 years, I love working as a teacher".

Some of them are "Although, Even though, Though, In spite of, Despite".

When should we use Although, Even though and Though?

Which are the differences between them?

- They are followed by a Clause which means "subject + verb + whatever you want (optional)"
- Although and Even though can be used at the beginning of the sentence and in the middle.
- Even though is stronger than Although.

- **Though** must be used only in the middle of the sentence. Also is more informal than **Although** and **Even though**.

When should we use **In spite of and **Despite**? Which are the differences between them?**

- They are followed by a noun or gerund (bare infinitive + ing) or "the fact that"+ Clause (subject + verb).
- Both mean the same but **Despite** doesn't have the prepositions "in" and "of".

Examples:

1. **Even though** I was sick, I went to the party.
2. **Although** I don't have money, I go out with friends.
3. I love cooking, **though** I don't have enough time.
4. **In spite of** being 99, she likes cooking with her son.
5. **Despite** her mobile, she talks with her family every week.
6. **In spite of the fact that** she is 92 years old, she always goes dancing.
7. **Despite the fact that** he doesn't know English, he meets with native speakers.



Despite the heavy rain, he wasn't late for work.

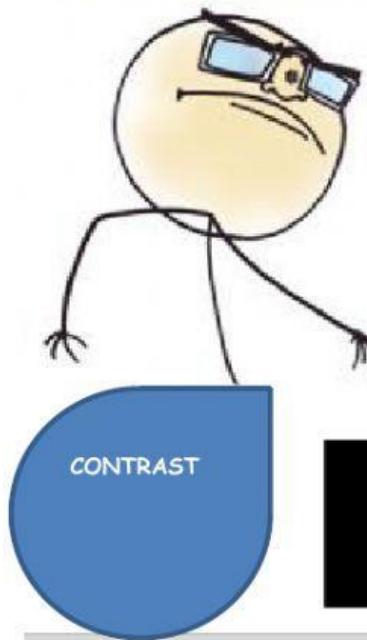


He didn't stop smoking in spite of the doctor's advice.



ALTHOUGH + CLAUSE THOUGH + CLAUSE EVEN THOUGH + CLAUSE

Because "although," "though," and "even though" are conjunctions, they must be followed by clauses.



They are interchangeable:

"**Although I am in pain (clause), I will finish the race.**"

"**Even though it was raining (clause), the two teams competed valiantly.**"

However

However connects two sentences as meaning. We can express a contrast by using the adverb however with two sentences. It is always followed by a comma.



Using However

Examples

HE WAS FEELING VERY

ILL. **HOWEVER**, HE
WENT TO WORK.

SOME PEOPLE DISAGREE
WITH THIS THEORY.
HOWEVER, IT'S NEVER
BEEN PROVEN RIGHT.

THE WEATHER WAS
SUNNY: **HOWEVER**,
WE DIDN'T GO
OUTSIDE.

TOM WORKS A LOT,
BUT **HOWEVER** HE
HASN'T ANY MONEY.





Contrast Clauses

A- Rewrite the following sentences beginning them with the given words:

1. He studied a lot; however he had a bad mark.
In spite of _____

2. Although it is very late, she isn't at home yet.
In spite of _____

3. In spite of being rich Tom has never been abroad.
Although _____

4. In spite of living far away he always arrives on time.
Although _____

5. He was sick, however he went to school.
In spite of _____

6. In spite of being rich she isn't happy.
Although _____
