

Clauses of concession

We use **clauses of concession** to refer to how something is happening, despite the fact that something else is influencing it. **Clauses of concession** are introduced by various words or phrases.

but + clause (but)	She was tired but she offered to help me.
however + clause (however, despite that)	She was tired. However, she offered to help me. She was tired. She offered to help me, however.
although/even though/though + clause (although, despite the fact that)	Although/Even though/Though she was tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me although/even though/though she was tired.
in spite of/despite + noun (despite + noun)	In spite of/Despite her tiredness, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite her tiredness.
in spite of/despite + -ing (in spite of)	In spite of/Despite being tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite being tired.
in spite of/despite + the fact that + clause (despite the fact that)	In spite of/Despite the fact that she was tired, she offered to help me. She offered to help me in spite of/despite the fact that she was tired.



7 Join the sentences. Use the word in brackets. Do not change the order of the sentences.

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| <p>1 It was raining. We went out for a walk. (although)
 <i>Although it was raining, we went out for a walk.</i></p> <p>2 She offered to lend him some money. He refused. (but)</p> <p>3 Jim has a mobile phone. He never uses it. (but)</p> <p>4 He's sixty-two. He's still very fit. (though)</p> | <p>5 You apologised. He won't forgive you. (although)</p> <p>6 We waited for an hour. They didn't come. (but)</p> <p>7 I liked the CD. I didn't buy it. (but)</p> <p>8 They knew the way. They got lost. (even though)</p> |
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8 Rewrite the sentences. Use the word in brackets. Do not change the order of the sentences.

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| <p>1 They were tired. However, they stayed up late. (although)
 <i>Although they were tired, they stayed up late.</i></p> <p>2 Although he worked all day, he didn't finish his project. (but)</p> <p>3 Even though she seems nice, I don't trust her. (however)</p> | <p>4 I shouted. However, they didn't hear me. (even though)</p> <p>5 He played well but he didn't win. (however)</p> <p>6 Even though she didn't like the sandwich, she ate it. (but)</p> |
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12 Rewrite the sentences using the word given.



- 1 In spite of the fact that we left early, we missed our bus. **leaving**
In spite of leaving early, we missed our bus.
- 2 Despite her parents' objections, she went to the party. **of**
In spite of her parents' objections, she went to the party.
- 3 I went out in spite of the fact that I was exhausted. **being**
In spite of being exhausted, I went out.
- 4 Despite being in a hurry, I remembered to lock the door. **fact**
Despite being in a hurry, I remembered to lock the door.
- 5 We had a great time in spite of the fact that he complained. **complaints**
In spite of his complaints, we had a great time.
- 6 She was wearing a jacket in spite of the fact that it was hot. **heat**
In spite of the heat, she was wearing a jacket.
- 7 Despite the fact that she tried hard, she failed the exam. **trying**
In spite of trying, she failed the exam.
- 8 Despite knowing the answer, she refused to help me. **fact**
In spite of knowing the answer, she refused to help me.
- 9 He wasn't promoted despite the fact that he worked hard. **working**
In spite of working hard, he wasn't promoted.
- 10 Despite the fact that he was strong, he couldn't move the table. **being**
Despite being strong, he couldn't move the table.

13 Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

- 1 In spite of getting up late, we managed to get there on time. (although)
Although we got up late, we managed to get there on time.
- 2 In spite of feeling guilty, she didn't apologise. (although)
Although she felt guilty, she didn't apologise.
- 3 He went on working, although he had a terrible headache. (in spite of)
He went on working in spite of having a terrible headache.
- 4 They went shopping in spite of the bad weather. (although)
They went shopping although the weather was bad.
- 5 I ate the cake although I wasn't hungry. (in spite of)
I ate the cake in spite of not being hungry.
- 6 I went to the concert in spite of the fact that I hate pop music. (although)
I went to the concert although I hate pop music.
- 7 Although she's the boss, she works as hard as we do. (in spite of)
She works as hard as we do in spite of being the boss.
- 8 In spite of the fact that he lies to her, she trusts him. (although)
Although he lies to her, she trusts him.
- 9 Although she isn't a very good student, she did well in the test. (in spite of)
She did well in the test in spite of not being a very good student.
- 10 Although he knew he was wrong, he refused to admit it. (in spite of)
He refused to admit it in spite of knowing he was wrong.
- 11 In spite of having problems, she's always cheerful. (although)
She's always cheerful although she has problems.
- 12 Although I enjoyed the film, I don't want to see it again. (in spite of)
I don't want to see it again in spite of enjoying the film.