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.

1 It was raining. We went out for a walk. (although)
Although it was raining, we went out for a walk.

2 She offered to lend him some money. He refused. (but)
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3 Jim has a mobile phone. He never uses it. (but)
.....

4 He's sixty-two. He's still very fit. (though)
.....

5 You apologised. He won't forgive you. (although)
.....

6 We waited for an hour. They didn't come. (but)
.....

7 I liked the CD. I didn't buy it. (but)
.....

8 They knew the way. They got lost. (even though)
.....

8 Rewrite the sentences. Use the word in brackets. Do not change the order of the sentences.

1 They were tired. However, they stayed up late. (although)
Although they were tired, they stayed up late.

2 Although he worked all day, he didn't finish his project. (but)
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3 Even though she seems nice, I don't trust her. (however)
.....

4 I shouted. However, they didn't hear me. (even though)
.....

5 He played well but he didn't win. (however)
.....

6 Even though she didn't like the sandwich, she ate it. (but)
.....

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 ....., she went to the party.

3 I went out in spite of the fact that I was exhausted. **being**
In ....., I went out.

4 Despite being in a hurry, I remembered to lock the door. **fact**
Despite ..... 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 ....., we had a great time.

6 She was wearing a jacket in spite of the fact that it was hot. **heat**
In spite ....., she was wearing a jacket.

7 Despite the fact that she tried hard, she failed the exam. **trying**
In ....., she failed the exam.

8 Despite knowing the answer, she refused to help me. **fact**
In spite of ..... the answer, she refused to help me.

9 He wasn't promoted despite the fact that he worked hard. **working**
In ....., he wasn't promoted.

10 Despite the fact that he was strong, he couldn't move the table. **being**
Despite ....., 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)
.....

3 He went on working, although he had a terrible headache. (in spite of)
.....

4 They went shopping in spite of the bad weather. (although)
.....

5 I ate the cake although I wasn't hungry. (in spite of)
.....

6 I went to the concert in spite of the fact that I hate pop music. (although)
.....

7 Although she's the boss, she works as hard as we do. (in spite of)
.....

8 In spite of the fact that he lies to her, she trusts him. (although)
.....

9 Although she isn't a very good student, she did well in the test. (in spite of)
.....

10 Although he knew he was wrong, he refused to admit it. (in spite of)
.....

11 In spite of having problems, she's always cheerful. (although)
.....

12 Although I enjoyed the film, I don't want to see it again. (in spite of)
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