

## GRAMMAR



**N.B.**



### SUBORDINATE CLAUSES OF CONTRAST

*in spite of* *although*  
*despite* *though*

Although the minimum number of A-Level subjects is three, some students prefer to take four to keep their options open.

**Although = though = even though**

Though is more informal than although.

Even though is a little stronger than though and although.

**although**

She didn't apply to the university **though** she had good marks.

**even though**

**In spite of = despite**

**In spite of** the difficulties, they succeeded.

**In spite of the fact that** it was difficult, they succeeded.

**Despite** the difficulties, they succeeded.

**Despite the fact that** it was difficult, they succeeded.

They arrived late **despite** leaving early.

• COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH ALTHOUGH / DESPITE.

1. A. HE CONTINUED TO WORK \_\_\_\_\_ HE FELT BAD.  
B. HE CONTINUED TO WORK \_\_\_\_\_ FEELING BAD.
2. A. BEING COURAGEOUS MEANS DOING SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ THE FEAR.  
B. BEING COURAGEOUS MEANS DOING SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ YOU ARE AFRAID.
3. A. \_\_\_\_\_ HER ILLNESS, SHE CAME TO SCHOOL.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ SHE FELT BAD, SHE CAME TO SCHOOL.
4. A. THE GAME CONTINUED \_\_\_\_\_ THE RAIN.  
B. THE GAME CONTINUED \_\_\_\_\_ IT RAINED.
5. A. \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHILDREN WERE TIRED, THEY WENT ON PLAYING.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ BEING TIRED, THE CHILDREN WENT ON PLAYING.

• COMBINE THE TWO SENTENCES INTO ONE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.

1. SHE PASSED THE TEST. SHE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES. (EVEN THOUGH)
2. SHE IS A NURSE. SHE CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD. (IN SPITE OF)
3. I'M A TERRIBLE SINGER. BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE GOOD MUSICIANS. (ALTHOUGH)
4. HE WON THE RACE. HE CAME LAST IN THE PRACTICE RUN. (DESPITE)
5. I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO POST THE LETTER. IN THE MORNING HE REMINDED ME TO DO IT. (THOUGH)
6. I HANDED MY REPORT IN ON TIME. I HAD BEEN ILL ALL DAY. (DESPITE THE FACT THAT)