

Although vs Despite

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1. Grammar focus

Structure	Use and examples
Although + clause	Use although before a full clause. A clause has a subject and a verb. Examples: Although it was raining, we went out. I enjoyed the trip although I was tired.
Despite + noun phrase / -ing form	Use despite before a noun phrase or an -ing form. Examples: Despite the rain, we went out. Despite feeling tired, I enjoyed the trip.
Despite the fact that + clause	Use despite the fact that when you want despite but have a full clause. It means the same as although. Example: Despite the fact that it was raining, we went out.
Comma note	Use a comma after an although-clause at the beginning of a sentence: Although it was raining, we went out. When the although-clause comes at the end, a comma is not normally used: We went out although it was raining.
Important	Do not say despite of . Say despite .

Core idea: use **although** before a full clause. Use **despite** before a noun phrase or an -ing form. Use **despite the fact that** before a full clause.

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2. Choose the correct form

1. Although / Despite it was raining, we still went for a walk.
2. Although / Despite the rain, we still went for a walk.
3. She passed the exam although / despite she was nervous.
4. She passed the exam although / despite feeling nervous.
5. Although / Despite the hotel was cheap, it was clean and comfortable.
6. Although / Despite the low price, the hotel was clean and comfortable.
7. We enjoyed the meal although / despite the slow service.
8. He went to work although / despite he felt ill.

3. Match the sentence to the reason

Sentence	Reason
1. Although she was tired, she finished the report.	A. Despite + -ing form
2. Despite the noise, I slept well.	B. Although-clause at the beginning
3. Despite arriving late, he did not miss the meeting.	C. Despite + noun phrase
4. The journey was enjoyable although it was long.	D. Although-clause after the main clause
5. Despite the fact that the flat was small, it felt cosy.	E. Despite the fact that + clause

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4. Correct the mistakes

Note: More than one correct answer may be possible. Accept any grammatically correct rewrite that preserves the meaning.

1. Despite it was late, we continued working. _____
2. Although the traffic, we arrived on time. _____
3. Despite of the delay, nobody complained. _____
4. Despite he was nervous, he spoke clearly. _____
5. Although her hard work, she did not pass the test. _____
6. Despite the fact he was new, he did a good job. _____
7. Although of the price, they bought the tickets. _____
8. Despite she had little time, she helped us. _____

5. Complete the mini-dialogues

1. A: Did you go out last night?
B: Yes, _____ I was tired, I met my friends for dinner.
2. A: Was the beach busy?
B: Yes, but _____ the crowds, we had a good time.
3. A: Did she finish the course?
B: Yes, _____ working full-time, she completed it.
4. A: Did they finish the project?
B: Yes, they finished it _____ the fact that they had very little time.
5. A: Was the flat expensive?
B: Yes, but they rented it _____ the high price.

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6. Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets. Do not change the meaning.

1. Although it was raining, we played tennis. (despite)

2. Despite the traffic, we arrived on time. (although)

3. Although she felt nervous, she gave a good presentation. (despite)

4. Despite the fact that the hotel was cheap, it was comfortable. (although)

5. Although he had very little experience, he got the job. (despite)

7. Complete each sentence with although or despite.

1. _____ the noise outside, I managed to sleep.

2. _____ I had checked the address, I still got lost.

3. _____ feeling disappointed, she congratulated the winner.

4. _____ the fact that the instructions were clear, several people made mistakes.

5. _____ his injury, he finished the race.

6. _____ the restaurant was full, the service was fast.

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8. Speaking practice

1. Talk about a time you enjoyed something although the weather was bad.
2. What is something you do despite being tired or busy?
3. Describe a film, book or series you enjoyed despite one weakness.
4. Can people succeed despite having very little money? Why or why not?
5. What is something you bought although it was expensive?
6. Would you travel somewhere despite bad reviews if the price was good?

9. Write your own sentences

1. Write one sentence with although + clause.

2. Write one sentence with despite + noun phrase.

3. Write one sentence with despite + -ing.

4. Write one sentence with despite the fact that + clause.

5. Write one short paragraph using both although and despite.

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Vocabulary and error checking | B1-B2

10. Vocabulary and sentence practice

Choose five useful words from this worksheet and write one new sentence for each word.

Word	Your sentence
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

11. Error-checking challenge

Read the short paragraph. Find and correct six mistakes with although and despite.

Note: More than one correct answer may be possible. Accept any grammatically correct rewrite that preserves the meaning.

Last Saturday, my friends and I went hiking. Despite it was raining, we decided to continue. Although the cold weather, the path was beautiful. We enjoyed the views despite of the strong wind. Later, we had lunch outside although our wet clothes. Despite the fact the café was crowded, the staff were friendly. We stayed for another hour although the noise.

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Useful reminders | B1-B2

12. Useful reminders

Do not say	Say	Why?
Despite it was raining, we went out.	Although it was raining, we went out. / Despite the rain, we went out.	Despite is not followed directly by a full clause.
Although the rain, we went out.	Although it was raining, we went out. / Despite the rain, we went out.	Although is followed by a clause.
Despite of the delay, nobody complained.	Despite the delay, nobody complained.	Say despite, not despite of.
Despite the fact he was ill, he came to work.	Despite the fact that he was ill, he came to work.	Use that after the fact.

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2. Choose the correct form

1. Although - followed by a clause: it was raining.
2. Despite - followed by a noun phrase: the rain.
3. although - followed by a clause: she was nervous.
4. despite - followed by an -ing form: feeling nervous.
5. Although - followed by a clause: the hotel was cheap.
6. Despite - followed by a noun phrase: the low price.
7. despite - followed by a noun phrase: the slow service.
8. although - followed by a clause: he felt ill.

3. Match the sentence to the reason

1. B - Although-clause at the beginning.
2. C - Despite + noun phrase.
3. A - Despite + -ing form.
4. D - Although-clause after the main clause.
5. E - Despite the fact that + clause.

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4. Correct the mistakes

Accept any grammatically correct rewrite that preserves the meaning.

1. Although it was late, we continued working. / Despite the late hour, we continued working.
2. Despite the traffic, we arrived on time. / Although there was traffic, we arrived on time.
3. Despite the delay, nobody complained.
4. Although he was nervous, he spoke clearly. / Despite being nervous, he spoke clearly.
5. Despite her hard work, she did not pass the test. / Although she worked hard, she did not pass the test.
6. Despite the fact that he was new, he did a good job.
7. Despite the price, they bought the tickets. / Although the tickets were expensive, they bought them.
8. Although she had little time, she helped us. / Despite having little time, she helped us.

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5. Complete the mini-dialogues

1. although.
2. despite.
3. despite.
4. despite.
5. despite.

6. Rewrite the sentences

1. Despite the rain, we played tennis.
2. Although there was traffic, we arrived on time.
3. Despite feeling nervous, she gave a good presentation.
4. Although the hotel was cheap, it was comfortable.
5. Despite having very little experience, he got the job. / Despite his lack of experience, he got the job.

7. Complete each sentence with although or despite.

1. Despite.
2. Although.
3. Despite.
4. Despite.
5. Despite.
6. Although.

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11. Error-checking challenge

Accept any grammatically correct rewrite that preserves the meaning.

Last Saturday, my friends and I went hiking. **Although it was raining**, we decided to continue. **Despite the cold weather**, the path was beautiful. We enjoyed the views **despite the strong wind**. Later, we had lunch outside **despite our wet clothes**. **Despite the fact that the café was crowded**, the staff were friendly. We stayed for another hour **despite the noise**.

Alternative accepted for sentence 4: We had lunch outside although we were wearing wet clothes.

Teacher note

The main teaching point is structure, not meaning. Although and despite both show contrast, but although needs a clause while despite needs a noun phrase or an -ing form. Despite the fact that is useful when students want despite before a full clause.