

Grammar – Contrast

Using Despite, In Spite Of, Although, Even Though, Though 1

- a) Complete the first sentence with a suitable clause.
b) Then transform it into a sentence with 'Although', 'Even Though', or 'Though'.

DESPITE / IN SPITE OF + noun / gerund / pronoun
ALTHOUGH / EVEN THOUGH / THOUGH + subject and verb

Despite / In spite of... [e.g.]

- a) feeling a little under the weather, Craig finished his report on time.
b) **Although** he was feeling a little under the weather, Craig finished his report on time.

1. a) not having a mobile phone _____
b) _____
2. a) the high price of the washing machine _____
b) _____
3. a) the way he looked _____
b) _____
4. a) her disagreement with her mother _____
b) _____
5. a) mixing with the wrong crowd _____
b) _____
6. a) my sister's aversion to rock music _____
b) _____
7. a) the recent problems _____
b) _____
8. a) the lawnmower being broken _____
b) _____
9. a) watching TV till two in the morning _____
b) _____
10. a) the smell in the kitchen _____
b) _____
11. a) everybody complaining about it _____
b) _____
12. a) the unusual colour of the paint _____
b) _____
13. a) Martynas's bizarre behaviour _____
b) _____
14. a) cleaning all day _____
b) _____
15. a) the wedding being cancelled _____
b) _____

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Answers may vary. Sample answers:

Despite / In spite of...

1. a) not having a mobile phone, I'm still able to keep in touch with my friends.
b) **Even though** I don't have a mobile phone, I'm still able to keep in touch with my friends.
2. a) the high price of the washing machine, I think it was pretty good value.
b) **Though** the price of the washing machine was high, I think it was pretty good value.
3. a) the way he looked, his friends loved and cherished him.
b) **Although** the way he looked was different, his friends loved and cherished him.
4. a) her disagreement with her mother, Alison spoke about her eloquently at her funeral.
b) **Although** she had a disagreement with her mother, Alison spoke about her eloquently at her funeral.