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| **Connectors: Even Though, Although, In spite of** | | |
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| **FORM:** | EVEN THOUGH  ALTHOUGH  IN SPITE OF | **Even though**, **although** and **in spite of** are all subordinating connectors. They join a subordinate clause (one that cannot stand on its own), a noun phrase or a gerund phrase with the main clause. The connectors can be used at the beginning of the sentence or in the middle. |
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| **USE:** | **Even though, although** and **in spite of** are used to indicate a contrast between two situations, where the contrast is surprising and unexpected. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | ***Even though*** *he lives in Costa Rica, he can’t speak Spanish.* (It is surprising that he can’t speak Spanish.)  *She gets a lift every day,* ***even though*** *she could walk to work*. (It is surprising that she drives to work.)  ***Although*** *he left early, he arrived late for work.* (It is surprising that he was late for work.)  *She tried the squid* ***although*** *she doesn’t usually like seafood.* (It is surprising that she tried squid.)  ***In spite of*** *studying hard, she failed the exam. (It is surprising that she failed the exam).*  *She succeeded in passing the course,* ***in spite of*** *failing the exam. (It is surprising that she passed the course).* | |

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| *Complete the following sentences.* |

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| 1. | Even though Mary doesn’t speak Spanish, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | Although I feel sick, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | He went on the trip in spite of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | Rebecca will drive to work although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. | In spite of being tired she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6. | Mike will wear his sweater even though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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