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The words although, though, despite, in spite of and however have very similar meanings; however, they are used in different structures.

Though and although are conjunctions. They go before a clause. Despite and in spite of are prepositions. They go before a noun or noun equivalent. However is a transitional adverb. It goes at the beginning of a sentence.

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use these words correctly.

1. the watch was expensive, he bought it.

Although

Despite

However

2. We went out the rain.

in spite of

despite

Either could be used here

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3. We went out it was raining.

although

however

despite

4. my husband didn't like the movie, I enjoyed it a lot.

Although

Though

Either could be used here

5. He passed the test., he didn't get the job.

Despite

Although

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However

6. he passed the test, he didn't get the job.

In spite of

Although

However

7. They managed to do it I was not there.

although

despite

however

8. Tired he was, he went on

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working.

though

however

despite

9. hard she tried, she couldn't do it.

Despite

However

In spite of

10. of the headache, I enjoyed the movie.

Despite

In spite

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However

11. I don't agree with him, I think he is honest.

Although

However

Despite

12. We understood him his strong accent.

despite

however

although

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Answers

1. Although the watch was expensive, he bought it.
2. We went out despite / in spite of the rain.
3. We went out although / though it was raining.
4. Though / although my husband didn't like the movie, I enjoyed it a lot.
5. He passed the test. However, he didn't get the job.
6. Although / though he passed the test, he didn't get the job.
7. They managed to do it though / although I was not there.
8. Tired though he was, he went on working.
9. However hard she tried, she couldn't do it.
10. In spite of the headache, I enjoyed the movie.
11. Although I don't agree with him, I think he is honest.
12. We understood him despite his strong accent.