

Though, although, even if, even though, in spite of, or despite?

The expressions though, although, even though and even if are conjunctions. They are followed by clauses. Despite and in spite of are prepositions followed by nouns or gerunds. While these expressions have very similar meanings, they are used in different structures. Test your understanding of these conjunctions and prepositions with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks.

1. I enjoyed the party having a headache.

Please select 2 correct answers

despite

though

although

in spite of

2. he was there, he did not acknowledge my presence.

Either though or although

Despite

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In spite

Despite or in spite of

3. she was angry, she said nothing.

Either though or although

Either in spite of or despite

In spite of

4. She passed her exam having a bad teacher.

despite of

in spite

despite

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5. the train was late, I managed to arrive on time.

Despite

Even though

Even if

6. I will do it it kills me.

even though

though

even if

7. his disability, he works very hard.

In spite of

Although

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Even though

8. I didn't understand a word, I kept smiling.

Though

Even though

Either though or even though

9. The strongest argument,, is political not economic.

even though

although

though

10. I don't agree with his views,

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I think he is honest.

Though

Although

Even though

All of the above

11. she worked very hard, she didn't get the promotion.

Despite

Though

Even if

12. of performing well in the interview, she didn't get the job.

In spite of

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Even if

Even though

Answers

1. I enjoyed the party in spite of having a headache.
2. Though/although he was there, he did not acknowledge my presence.
3. Though / although she was angry, she said nothing.
4. She passed her exam despite having a bad teacher.
5. Even though the train was late, I managed to arrive on time.
6. I will do it even if it kills me.
7. In spite of his disability, he works very hard.
8. Though / even though I didn't understand a word, I kept smiling.
9. The strongest argument, though, is political not economic.
10. Though / although / even though I don't agree with his views, I think he is honest.
11. Though she worked very hard, she didn't get the promotion.
12. In spite of performing well in the interview, she didn't get the job.