



Conjunctions/Prepositions of Contrast

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Independent/Dependent Clauses

A **complex sentence** is a sentence that has an independent clause and a dependent clause.

The independent clause is a complete sentence.

The dependent clause is not a complete sentence; it '**depends**' on the main clause and starts with a conjunction.

I ate lunch. [Independent clause]

While I watched TV (*'while' is the conjunction*) [Dependent clause]

While I watched TV, I ate lunch. [Complex sentence]

I ate lunch **while** I watched TV. [Complex sentence]

Tip: As you can see in the two complex sentences above, the independent clause can come **before** or **after** the dependent clause.



How to use 'Although/Even though'

Form the dependent clause like this:

'although/even though' + Subject + Verb

- **Although** we left late, we arrived at the airport on time.
- **Even though** we left late, we arrived at the airport on time.

'Even though' feels stronger than **'although'**.

How to use 'In spite of/Despite'

We can convey the same information using a prepositional phrase:

'in spite of/despite' + noun/pronoun/gerund

- **In spite of** our delayed departure, we arrived on time. (noun)
- **Despite** leaving late, we arrived on time. (gerund)



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. _____ he didn't want to, he had to study for the test.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite

2. _____ he didn't like his job, he did not quit.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite

3. _____ the fact that the clock is broken, it is still valuable.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite

4. I'm going to the market, _____ the rain.

- a) although/even though
- b) in spite of/despite



5. _____ he waited for her, she did not come.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite

6. He ran very quickly _____ being terribly overweight.

- a) although/even though
- b) in spite of/despite

7. _____ it is the weekend, I still have to work.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite

8. _____ he is very smart, he never really shows it.

- a) Although/Even though
- b) In spite of/Despite



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: run ten kilometers, out of shape. → Even though I run ten kilometers every day, I am out of shape.

Content:

1. short, good at basketball.
2. height, good at basketball.
3. having left on time, arrived late.
4. left on time, were late.
5. bad weather, enjoyed my vacation.
6. the weather was terrible, went outside.