

English Grammar

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2.1.1 Through, Tough, Thorough, Thought

Word	Meaning
Though	in spite of, however, nevertheless
Thought	an individual act or product of thinking
Tough	difficult to accomplish, capable of enduring strain
Through	preposition/adverb: moving from one side to another adverb: continue in time toward the completion
Thorough	complete in all respects

Examples

- Though:
 - Conjunction: I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of spring, though I truly enjoy the winter.
 - Adverb: The students can be loud and boisterous, but I enjoy working with them, though.
- Thought:
 - Noun: His thought was that the movie did no justice to the book.
 - Verb: While daydreaming in class, Morgan often thought about her upcoming graduation. (past tense of think)
- Tough:
 - The tough new laws are meant to deter tobacco companies from advertising to a young demographic. The tourists were advised to avoid the tough parts of town.
- Through:
 - Preposition: The kitten snuck in through the garage to stay warm.
 - Adverb: When we opened the door to the library, the kids came running through. (movement from place to place)
 - Adverb: The students will be training all summer break, from June through August. (continuation in time towards completion)
 - Adjective: The employees took a break once they were through with all their tasks. (acts like finished)
- Thorough:
 - Adjective: After a thorough investigation, the police department concluded that the student was not involved with the recent string of laptop thefts.

2.1.2 Lie, Lie, Lay

- Lay (verb): place down
- Lie (verb): to be in horizontal position, to tell a lie
- Lie (noun): untruth

Tense	Lay	Lie (horizontal)	Lie (tell a lie)
present	lay	lie	lie
past	laid	lay	lied
past participle	laid	lain	lied
present participle	laying	lying	lying