

A

Study this example situation:

Tina loves watching television.

She has a TV in every room of the house,
even the bathroom.

We use **even** to say that something is unusual
or surprising. It is not usual to have a TV
in the bathroom.



Some more examples:

- ☐ These pictures are really awful. **Even I** take better pictures than these.
(and I'm certainly not a good photographer)
- ☐ He always wears a coat, **even in hot weather**.
- ☐ The print was very small. I couldn't read it, **even with glasses**.
- ☐ Nobody would help her, **not even her best friend**.

or **Not even** her best friend would help her.

B

You can use **even** with the verb in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110):

- ☐ Sue has travelled all over the world. She has **even** been to the Antarctic.
(It's especially unusual to go to the Antarctic, so she must have travelled a lot.)
- ☐ They are very rich. They **even** have their own private jet.

Study these examples with **even** after a negative (**not/can't/don't** etc.):

- ☐ I can't cook. I **can't even** boil an egg. (and boiling an egg is very easy)
- ☐ They weren't very friendly to us. They **didn't even** say hello.
- ☐ Jessica is very fit. She's just run five miles and she's **not even** out of breath.

C

You can use **even** + *comparative* (**cheaper / more expensive** etc.):

- ☐ I got up very early, but Jack got up **even earlier**.
- ☐ I knew I didn't have much money, but I've got **even less** than I thought.
- ☐ We were surprised to get an email from her. We were **even more surprised** when she came to see us a few days later.

D

Even though / even when / even if

We use **even though / even when / even if** + *subject* + *verb*:

- ☐ **Even though she can't** drive, she bought a car.

subject + verb
- ☐ He never shouts, **even when he's** angry.
- ☐ This river is dangerous. It's dangerous to swim in it, **even if you're** a strong swimmer.

You cannot use **even** in this way (+ *subject* + *verb*). We say:

- ☐ **Even though she can't** drive, she bought a car. (*not* Even she can't drive)
- ☐ I can't reach the shelf **even if I stand** on a chair. (*not* even I stand)

Compare **even if** and **if**:

- ☐ We're going to the beach tomorrow. It doesn't matter what the weather is like.
We're going **even if** it's raining.
- ☐ We want to go to the beach tomorrow, but we won't go **if** it's raining.