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- Concessive Clauses

Concessive Clauses

A **concessive clause** is a clause which begins with "*although*" or "*even though*" and which expresses an idea that suggests the opposite of the main part of the sentence.

The sentence "*Although he's quiet, he's not shy*" begins with a concessive clause- "Although he's quiet" which has an opposite meaning of - "he's not shy" which is the main part of the sentence.

NOTE: "*In spite of*", "*despite*" have similar meaning to "*although*" or "*even though*". **BUT** they don't introduce clauses. They have different syntax. They are followed by **nouns** or **gerunds** (verb+ing.) They don't introduce a **clause** (subject + verb.)

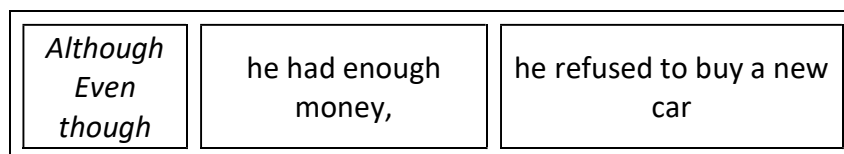
Although, even though:

Study these examples:

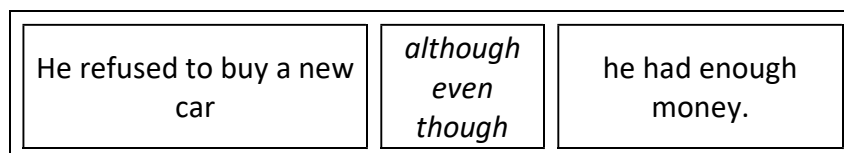
"He had enough money."

" He refused to buy a new car."

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OR



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Structure:

"Although", and "even though" introduce concessive clauses.

Although /even though	subject	verb
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Examples:

Although it was raining, he walked to the station.

Even though she is very old, she runs fast.

Despite / in spite of:

Despite and *in spite of* do not introduce a concessive clause. They are rather followed by a **noun** or a **verb+ing** form.

Study this example:

"He had enough money."

"He refused to buy a new car."

The above two statements can be combined as follows :

<i>Despite</i> <i>In spite of</i>	all his money,	he refused to buy a new car.
	having enough money,	

OR

He refused to buy a new car	<i>despite</i> <i>in spite of</i>	all his money.
		having enough money.

Structure

Despite / in spite of	+ a noun ,
	+ verb + ing.



Examples:

Despite /in spite of **the rain**, he walked to the station.

Despite /in spite of **being tired**, he walked to the station.

Remember:

1. *Although, even though* + subject + verb (**Concessive clause**)

3. *In spite of, despite* + noun or verb+ing (**Not a concessive clause**)

2. There are structural similarities between:

- "*in spite of*", "*despite*" **and** "*although*", "*even though*"
- "*because of*", "*due to*", "*owing to*", "*thanks to*" **and** "*because*", "*since*", "*as*", "*for*". (Expressing cause and effect)

In spite of Despite	+ noun
Because of Due to owing to Thanks to	
Although Even though	+ verb
Because Since For As	

Choose the right answer: although/in spite of/because/because of

1. she is beautiful, everybody hates her.
2. The children slept deeply the noise.
3. earning a low salary, Sara helped her parents
4. Jane rarely sees Alan they are neighbors.
5. Kate did not do well in the exam working very hard.
6. I was very hungry, I couldn't eat.



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7. the difficulty, they managed to solve the math problem.
8. Liza never talked to him she loved him.
9. it was cold, Marie didn't put on her coat.
10. Clare did the work being ill.
11. the weather was bad, we had a good time.
12. all our hard work, a lot of things went wrong.
13. we had planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
14. I went to hospital I was feeling very ill.
15. I went to work the next day I was still feeling ill.
16. She accepted the job the low salary.
17. She refused the job the low salary.
18. I managed to sleep the hotel was noisy.
19. I couldn't get to sleepthe noise.
20. He runs fast his old age.

Now, check your answers.

1. Although she is beautiful, everybody hates her.
2. The children slept deeply in spite of the noise.
3. In spite of earning a low salary, Sara helped her parents
4. Jane rarely sees Alan although they are neighbors.
5. Kate did not do well in the exam in spite of working very hard.
6. Although I was very hungry, I couldn't eat.
7. In spite of the difficulty, they managed to solve the math problem.
8. Liza never talked to him although she loved him.
9. Although it was cold, Marie didn't put on her coat.
10. Clare did the work in spite of being ill.
11. Although the weather was bad, we had a good time.
12. In spite of all our hard work, a lot of things went wrong.
13. Although we had planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.
14. I went to hospital because I was feeling very ill.
15. I went to work the next day although I was still feeling ill.
16. She accepted the job in spite of the low salary.
17. She refused the job because of the low salary.
18. I managed to sleep although the hotel was noisy.
19. I couldn't get to sleep because of the noise.
20. He runs fast in spite of his old age.



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