

CONTRAST CLAUSES

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Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What did you enjoy **despite** the difficulty?

Answer: **Although it rained**, we enjoyed the walk **in spite of getting** soaked.

Remember: Although/even though + clause. Despite/in spite of + noun or -ing phrase.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What did you enjoy _____ the bad weather? (despite)

Answer: _____

2. What do you keep doing _____ you find it difficult? (even though)

Answer: _____

3. What have you finished in spite of _____ tired? (feel)

Answer: _____

4. What would you recommend _____ it has a drawback? (although)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / rain / despite / the / stay / did

2. expensive / even / you / enjoy / it / what / though / do / is

3. out / in / go / tired / of / you / feeling / did / spite

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. despite - What did you enjoy despite the bad weather?

Sample answer: I enjoyed the outdoor concert despite the bad weather because the music was excellent.

2. even though - What do you keep doing even though you find it difficult?

Sample answer: I keep practising speaking even though I find it difficult to think quickly.

3. feeling - What have you finished in spite of feeling tired?

Sample answer: I finished an assignment in spite of feeling tired because the deadline was close.

4. although - What would you recommend although it has a drawback?

Sample answer: I'd recommend the local gym although it gets crowded after work.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Did you stay despite the rain?

2. What do you enjoy even though it is expensive?

3. Did you go out in spite of feeling tired?

TEACHER NOTES

Despite of is not the target form. Do not normally combine although with but in the same contrast sentence.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.