

CLAUSES OF CONCESSION

although / even though / though (=παρόλο που) + clause (=πρόταση)

e.g. Although he is rich, he never lends money.

Even though he is rich, he never lends money.

despite /in spite of (=παρά) + noun(=ουσιαστικό)

+ verb -ing (= ρήμα με κατάληξη -ing)

+ "the fact that ..." (=το γεγονός ότι...)

e.g. Despite his wealth, he never lends money.

In spite of his being rich, he never lends money.

Despite the fact that he is rich, he never lends money.

while (=ενώ)/ **whereas** (=ενώ) / **yet** (=ωστόσο) / **but** (=αλλά) + clause (=πρόταση)

e.g. She swam fast, yet she finished third.

We went to bed early whereas John and Pamela went clubbing.

however / nevertheless (= παρόλα αυτά/ ωστόσο) + clause(=πρόταση)

e.g. He is clever; however, he is lazy.

however / no matter how + adjective (=επίθετο)/

adverb (=επίρρημα)

e.g. However fast he runs, he won't finish first.

No matter how fast he runs, he won't finish first.

whatever / no matter what + clause (=πρόταση)

e.g. Whatever you do, you won't succeed.

No matter what you do, you won't succeed.

A) TRANSFORMATION EXERCISE:

1. However much you complain, they won't give you a refund.

how No _____ complain, they won't give you a refund.

2. Although she exercises a lot, she's not very strong.

fact Despite _____ a lot, she's not very strong.

3. John works as a travel agent, but he's never been abroad.

of In _____ a travel agent, John has never been abroad.

4. She did her best. She failed the exam.

yet She _____ failed the exam.

5. In spite of having a good voice, he could never be a professional singer.

has Although _____, he could never be a professional singer.

6. He's a writer but he often makes spelling mistakes.

being In _____ a writer, he often makes spelling mistakes.

B) UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ITEM:

1. **However/Despite** the great danger, we decided to attempt the rescue.

2. **In spite of the fact that/Despite** she is disabled, she plays a lot of sports.

3. He knows he is damaging his health, **despite/ yet** he continues to smoke.

4. I arrived late at the cinema, **but / as** I still got a good seat.
5. I took the bus, **although/no matter** it would have been quicker to walk.
6. **No matter how / How much** hard I try, I can't move this wardrobe on my own.
7. We arrived late at the station, **but / in spite** we still caught the train.

C) TRANSFORM THE SENTENCES USING THE WORD IN BRACKETS.

1. Although they're best friends, they're very competitive. (despite)

2. We were only in Chicago for one day. However, we had a great time.
(Even though) _____
3. They recognised him despite his disguise. (although)

4. They didn't visit us in spite of promising to come. (However)

D) Fill in the gaps with these words: " no matter how / whatever / although / nevertheless / in spite of / whereas"

Although Christmas is one of the great Christian festivals, nowadays it has more than a religious aspect. It is an occasion celebrated all over the world _____ people's religious beliefs.

_____, Christmas is still a time of peace and goodwill towards others. _____ its religious origins Christmas falls at the same time of year as the great pagan festivals. Christmas presents, in fact, are of pagan origin. Some countries exchange gifts on 25th December _____ others wait until 6th January. Children's presents are traditionally left for them by Father Christmas, a jolly character with a white beard and a red suit. _____ old you are, Christmas continues to hold a special magic for young and old alike.

E) Complete the sentences with "although, however, in spite of"

e.g. Although they're best friends , they're very competitive.

1. They didn't join the club _____ their initial enthusiasm.
2. _____ she is a very talented pianist, she finds it difficult to play in public.
3. There was nothing suspicious in his behaviour. _____, I didn't really trust him.
4. _____ he'd told her the relationship was over, she still thought they could get back together again.
5. I wanted to play football this morning. _____, I didn't wake up till midday.
6. _____ her strong northern accent, I understand everything she says.
7. He's a very gentle person, _____ his appearance.