

## Upper-intermediate grammar exercise: Despite, in spite of, although, even though ex. 1

### English grammar practice exercise, upper-intermediate

In this exercise you will practise *despite*, *in spite of*, *although* and *even though*.

### Exercise instructions

Fill the gap in each sentence with *despite*, *in spite of*, *although* or *even though*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ we are a small company, we sell almost a hundred machines a month.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ all the difficulties, the project started on time and was a success.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ we were warned against doing so, we went ahead with the project.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ his lack of experience, he became a successful businessman.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ being by far the oldest player, he scored three goals.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ he's a millionaire, he drives a second-hand car.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ it rained a lot, I enjoyed the holiday.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ working for the company for six months now, he never seems to know what to do.

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### Key

1. Although / Even though we are a small company, we sell almost a hundred machines a month.
2. Despite / In spite of all the difficulties, the project started on time and was a success.
3. Although / Even though we were warned against doing so, we went ahead with the project.
4. Despite / In spite of his lack of experience, he became a successful businessman.
5. Despite / In spite of being by far the oldest player, he scored three goals.
6. Although / Even though he's a millionaire, he drives a second-hand car.
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