

## Although, Despite and In spite of Exercise

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- Skype is free **although** you have to pay to phone land lines
  - **Despite** being free, hardly anyone uses Skype
  - **In spite of** being free, hardly anyone uses Skype
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### A Fill the gaps with **although**, **despite** or **in spite**.

- 1 ..... my warnings, he went to Colombia.
- 2 ..... she didn't want to see The Lord of the Rings, she enjoyed it in the end.
- 3 ..... of being bad at pool, she beat him three times in a row.
- 4 They visited Madrid ..... they didn't have time to visit El Prado.
- 5 ..... it was raining, we decided to go anyway.
- 6 She decided to go abroad for a year ..... loving her boyfriend very much.
- 7 He went on holiday to Thailand ..... of the expensive airfare.
- 8 ..... it was only the first time they met, they made friends immediately.
- 9 The English actor Oliver Reed was often rude to people ..... he was always kind to animals.
- 10 Socrates never had much money ..... being very famous in his own day.
- 11 I phone my brother in Thailand using Skype nearly every day ..... the time difference.
- 12 I spoke to Jim and Pete, ..... not to Tony because he was offline.
- 13 The best things in life are free, ..... love is often very expensive.
- 14 She's a great person ..... of getting jealous over stupid things sometimes.
- 15 Cars are a big waste of money ..... you do need one if you live in the country.
- 16 Valencia is a fantastic place ..... of being too hot in July and August.
- 17 ..... being necessary for democracy, politicians are still liars and thieves.

### B Now make up some examples of your own.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....





## Answers

- 1 Despite my warnings, he went to Colombia.
- 2 Although she didn't want to see The Lord of the Rings, she enjoyed it in the end.
- 3 In spite of being bad at pool, she beat him three times in a row.
- 4 They visited Madrid although they didn't have time to visit El Prado.
- 5 Although it was raining, we decided to go anyway.
- 6 She decided to go abroad for a year despite loving her boyfriend very much.
- 7 He went on holiday to Thailand in spite of the expensive airfare.
- 8 Although it was only the first time they met, they made friends immediately.
- 9 The English actor Oliver Reed was often rude to people although he was always kind to animals.
- 10 Socrates never had much money despite being very famous in his own day.
- 11 I phone my brother in Thailand using Skype nearly every day despite the time difference.
- 12 I spoke to Jim and Pete, although not to Tony because he was offline.
- 13 The best things in life are free, although love is often very expensive.
- 14 She's a great person in spite of getting jealous over stupid things sometimes.
- 15 Cars are a big waste of money although you do need one if you live in the country.
- 16 Valencia is a fantastic place in spite of being too hot in July and August.
- 17 Despite being necessary for democracy, politicians are still liars and thieves.

