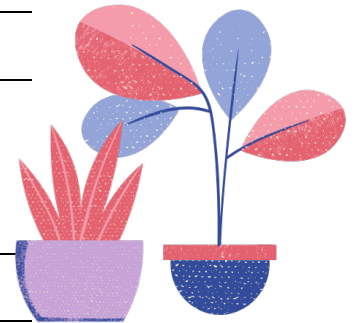


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## UPPER PRIMARY ENGLISH

# SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION

## DESPITE, IN SPITE OF

“Despite” and “In spite of” are used in the same way to introduce a surprising result.

**Example 1** The baby slept soundly. There were loud noises.

The surprising result is that “**the baby slept soundly**”, so it should come after “Despite” or “In spite of”!

**Despite** the loud noises, the baby slept soundly.

**In spite of** the loud noises, the baby slept soundly.

Following the word “despite” or “in spite of”, we use:

- (A) **verb-ing**
- (B) **his / her / their [noun]**, or
- (C) **the fact that [name of person]**

**Example 2** John was fearful. John did not show it.

(A) Despite being fearful, John did not show it.

(B) Despite his fear, **John** did not show it.

(C) Despite the fact that John was fearful, he did not show it.

Introduce the name at the second part of the sentence.

**Now, you try!**

**Example 3** My grandmother is over eighty years old. However, she can climb to the summit of Bukit Timah Hill.

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(A) **despite being** \_\_\_\_\_ .



(B) **despite her** \_\_\_\_\_ .

(C) **despite the fact that** \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**EXERCISE**

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1 I have over a hundred books. I have not read most books.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite

\_\_\_\_\_ .

2 Miss Goh cannot speak Chinese fluently. Miss Goh has lived in China for two years.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

3 My neighbours' bulldog looks fierce, but it does not bite.

\_\_\_\_\_ in spite of

\_\_\_\_\_ .

4 Even though it was drizzling, we enjoyed our stroll in the park.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

5 Oliver has many stationeries, but his favourite stationery is the broken old pencil.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6 The host has a thick British accent. We understood what she was saying.

\_\_\_\_\_ in spite of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

7 Gabriel has not trained for a marathon. Gabriel wants to participate in a marathon.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

8 I enjoyed the Avatar 2 movie in 3D. I had a massive headache afterwards.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
\_\_\_\_\_.

9 Tom was wealthy. Tom was unsatisfied.

Despite his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10 She has an active lifestyle. She often falls ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ in spite of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

