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In spite of, **despite** and **although** are all used to show a contrast but there are differences in the structures used with them.

In spite of / despite

After **in spite of** and **despite** we use a noun or a pronoun.

- *We enjoyed our camping holiday in spite of the rain.*
- *Despite the pain in his leg he completed the marathon.*
- *Despite having all the necessary qualifications, they didn't offer me the job.*

Remember that the gerund ('-ing' form) is the 'noun' form of a verb.

The only difference between **in spite of** and **despite** is the 'of'.

- ~~*Despite of the bad weather, there was a large crowd at the match.*~~

Although

After **although** we use a subject and a verb.

- *We enjoyed our camping holiday although it rained every day.*
- *Although he worked very hard, he didn't manage to pass the exam.*
- *The holiday was great although the hotel wasn't very nice.*

We can use **in spite of** and **despite** with a subject and verb if we include the expression 'the fact that'.

- *In spite of the fact that he worked very hard, he didn't manage to pass the exam.*
- *Despite the fact that he worked very hard, he didn't manage to pass the exam.*

Even though

Even though is a slightly stronger form of **although**.

- *We decided to buy the house even though we didn't really have enough money.*
- *You keep making that stupid noise even though I've asked you to stop three times.*

Like **although**, **even though** is followed by a subject and a verb.

- See more at: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-reference/spite-despite-although#sthash.uvGEyAQk.dpuf>