

despite1. [dis'paɪt] *n* *apx.*

злоба; презрение

◇ in smb.'s despite - во вред кому-л.

2. [dis'paɪt] *prep*

вопреки, несмотря на

despite our efforts - несмотря на наши усилия

despite

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

des-pite *AW BrE* [dɪ'spaɪt] ^ˈ *NAmE* [dɪ'spaɪt] ^ˈ *preposition*

1. used to show that sth happened or is true although sth else might have happened to prevent it

Syn: in spite of

- Her voice was shaking despite all her efforts to control it.
- Despite applying for hundreds of jobs, he is still out of work.
- She was good at physics **despite the fact that** she found it boring.

2. **despite yourself** used to show that sb did not intend to do the thing mentioned**Syn:** in spite of

- He had to laugh despite himself.

Word Origin:

[**despite**] Middle English (originally used as a noun meaning 'contempt, scorn' in the phrase in despite of): from Old French **despit**, from Latin **despectus** 'looking down on', past participle (used as a noun) of **despicere**, from **de-** 'down' + **specere** 'look at'.

Language Bank:**however***Ways of saying 'but'*

- Politicians have promised to improve road safety. So far, **however** ▫, little has been achieved

Despite ▫ clear evidence from road safety studies, no new measures have been introduced.

- Politicians have promised to improve road safety. **In spite of this** ▫ / **Despite this** ▫, little has been achieved so far.

Although ▫ politicians have promised to improve road safety, little has been achieved so far.

- Some politicians claim that the new transport policy has been a success. **In fact** ▫, it has been a total disaster.

- Government campaigns have had a measure of success, **but the fact remains that** ▫ large numbers of accidents are still caused by careless drivers.

Language Bank at ↑[nevertheless](#)**despite**

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de-spite *S3 W1 AC* /dɪ'spaɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *preposition*[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** despit 'spite', from Latin despectus, from despicere; ⇨ ↑**despise**]1. used to say that something happens or is true even though something else might have prevented it **SYN in spite of:**

- Despite all our efforts to save the school, the authorities decided to close it.

despite the fact (that)

- She went to Spain despite the fact that her doctor had told her to rest.

2. **despite yourself** if you do something despite yourself, you do it although you did not intend to:

- Liz realized that, despite herself, she cared about Edward.

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GRAMMAR

Do not use **despite** to introduce a clause. Instead, use **despite** with a present participle, **despite the fact that**, or a clause beginning with **although**:

- Despite neglecting his studies, he got his degree (NOT Despite he neglected his studies ...).
- She seemed no happier, despite the fact that her physical condition had improved.
- Although I learned a great deal, I thought the course was too narrowly based.

▶ **Despite** is not followed by 'of', although it means the same as 'in spite of'.

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