

Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics>. 4.31 Listen and check.*

- 0 Marion enjoys her life *however* / *even though* she doesn't earn a lot of money.
 1 We had a nice swim *although* / *despite* the water in the pool was rather cold.
 2 Dave got the job in spite of *he wore* / *wearing* jeans to the interview.
 3 Your phone bill has not been paid for two months. *Nevertheless*, / *Even though*, we are prepared to give you one more month in which to pay before disconnecting your line.
 4 My best friend's a brilliant footballer *despite* / *but* he's useless at swimming!
 5 *But* / *While* the Vestra may not be the cheapest model, it's the most reliable.
 6 We enjoyed the show despite *we missed* / *missing* the first twenty minutes.
 7 In spite of *it* / *the fact that it was* brand new, the car broke down after only one week.
 8 Our classes are designed for intermediate skiers. *However*, / *Although*, we can provide one-to-one lessons for complete beginners.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the facts with the words and phrases from the box.

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~~although~~ but it despite even though however
 in spite of the fact nevertheless whereas while it

Strange facts!

- (0) *Although* the USA only has 5% of the world's population, it uses 26% of the world's energy.
- The valleys near Ross Island in the Antarctic are covered in snow and ice, (1) it hasn't rained there for two million years.
- Severe storms in the Atlantic are called hurricanes, (2) severe storms in the Pacific are called typhoons.
- The Amazon occupies only 1.5% of the world's surface. (3) it produces 20% of the earth's oxygen.
- The famous leaning tower of Pisa has never fallen over, (4) that it leans at an angle of almost four degrees.
- (5) being 27 times smaller than the USA, Norway has a longer coastline.
- (6) is inside just one country, Istanbul is in fact situated on two continents.
- New York is an American city. (7) it contains more Irish inhabitants than Dublin – Ireland's capital city.
- The Atlantic Ocean is much smaller than the Pacific (8) has saltier water.

3 Find six more mistakes in the conversation and correct them.

- JAN How was the folk music festival?
 RUBY Not bad. It rained most of the time ~~although!~~ *though*
 JAN That's no fun when you're in a tent.
 RUBY I know! In spite of my tent's quite a good one, it still let the rain in.
 JAN Were the bands good?
 RUBY Well, but some of the first few acts weren't great, most of them were. Actually, even however we were quite near the front, it wasn't always easy to hear the music.
 JAN Was there a problem with the sound system?
 RUBY I think so, yes. Oh, one thing that was great was the food. It was delicious, despite to be mainly vegetarian!
 JAN So you've developed a taste for vegetarian food, have you?
 RUBY Not really. Although enjoying it at the festival, I don't think I could eat it all the time.