

1 When you want to contrast two statements you can say *although* or *even though*:

Although he was late he stopped to buy a sandwich.
He went to work every day *even though* he was very ill.

Sometimes you use the word *still* to emphasise the contrast:

I *still* like Anna, *even though* she is sometimes very annoying.
He was *still* cheerful, *even though* he was very ill.

2 Another way of making a contrast is to use *in spite of ...* with a noun:

He is still very fit *in spite of* his age.
She worked very hard *in spite of* the difficulties.

In spite of is often followed by an *-ing* form:

He still failed his exams *in spite of* working really hard.
He won the race *in spite of* being the youngest competitor.

3 You can compare things by using a comparative adjective with *than*, or by using *as ... as ...* (see Unit 64):

This pullover is *much* nicer than that one, and it's a bit cheaper too.
I'm not as young as I used to be. It's not as easy as you think.

4 You use *like* with a few verbs to talk about things which are almost the same in some way:

Ken is *just* like his father. New York is *like* London in many ways.
An okapi *looks like* a small giraffe. Who's that? It sounds *like* Henry.

These verbs are very commonly used with *like*:

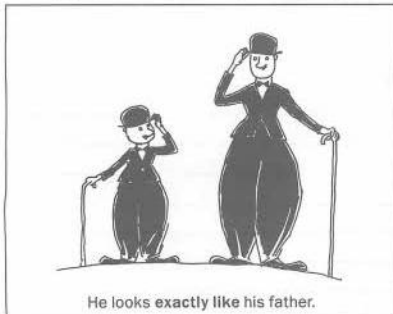
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Questions with *like* are very common (see Unit 14):

What's it *like*? What does it *look like*? What did it *sound like*?

You use some adverbs of degree with *like*:

exactly just rather a bit a little bit nothing



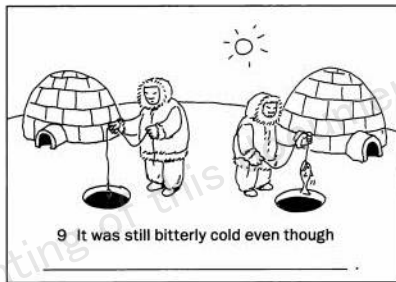
A Use these phrases to complete the sentences below:

we drove very fast
they didn't hear us
we are very good friends
it's much more expensive

we were really hungry
I haven't finished it yet
we don't see her very often
he still didn't earn very much

I was very angry
he was looking very well
he looked very fierce
the sun was shining

- 1 Although we were really hungry there was no time to stop and eat.
2 _____ even though we have only just met.
3 Although he worked very long hours _____.
4 _____ even though she lives next door.
5 The journey took over four hours even though _____.
6 _____ even though he had just been ill.
7 Although _____ I tried to speak quietly and calmly.
8 This coat doesn't look as smart as that even though _____.



- 11 I must take this book back to the library even though _____.
12 _____ even though we knocked very loudly.

B Rewrite these sentences using *in spite of*:

- 1 We arrived on time although we got lost on the way.
We arrived on time in spite of getting lost on the way.
2 He still takes a lot of exercise even though he is over seventy.
He still takes a lot of exercise _____.
3 Although she was injured she still finished the match.
_____ she still finished the match.
4 He looks just like his brother although he's much younger.
He looks just like his brother _____.
5 She still has a job although she has three children to look after.
She still has a job _____.