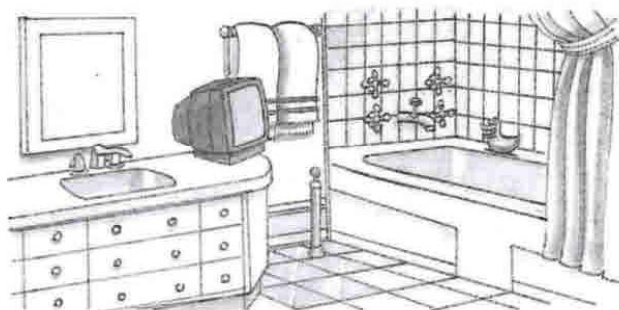


Even

A

Study this example situation:

Tina loves watching television. She has a lot of television sets. She has a TV set in every room of the house – even the bathroom. We use **even** to say that something is unusual or surprising. It is unusual to have a TV set in the bathroom.



Some more examples:

- These pictures aren't very good. **Even** I could take better pictures than these. (and I'm certainly not a good photographer)
- He always wears a coat – **even in hot weather**.
- Nobody would lend her the money – **not even her best friend**. *or* **Not even her best friend would lend her the money.**

B

Very often we use **even** with the verb in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 106):

- Sue has traveled all over the world. She has **even** been to the Antarctic. (It's especially unusual to go to the Antarctic, so she must have traveled a lot.)
- They are very rich. They **even** have their own private jet.

Study these examples with **not even**:

- I can't cook. I **can't even** boil an egg. (and boiling an egg is very easy)
- They weren't very friendly to us. They **didn't even** say hello.
- Jenny is in great shape. She's just run five miles, and she's **not even** out of breath.

C

You can use **even + a comparative** (cheaper / more expensive, etc.):

- I got up very early, but John got up **even earlier**.
- I knew I didn't have much money, but I have **even less** than I thought.
- We were surprised to get a letter from her. We were **even more surprised** when she came to see us a few days later.

D

Even though / even when / even if

You can use **even + though/when/if** to join sentences. Note that you cannot use **even** alone in the following examples:




- **Even though** she can't drive, she has bought a car. (*not* Even she can't drive)
- He never shouts, **even when** he's angry.
- I'll probably see you tomorrow. But **even if** I don't see you tomorrow, I'm sure we'll see each other before the weekend. (*not* even I don't see you)

Compare **even if** and **if**:

- We're going to the beach tomorrow. It doesn't matter what the weather is like. We're going to the beach **even if** it's raining.
- We hope to go to the beach tomorrow, but we won't go **if** it's raining.

Exercises

108.1 Julie, Sarah, and Amanda are three friends who went on vacation together. Use the information given about them to complete the sentences using *even* or *not even*.

<p>Julie</p>  <p>is usually happy is usually on time likes getting up early is very interested in art</p>	<p>Sarah</p>  <p>is usually miserable usually hates hotels doesn't have a camera doesn't particularly like art</p>	<p>Amanda</p>  <p>likes taking pictures is almost always late loves staying at hotels isn't good at getting up early</p>
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- They stayed at a hotel. Everybody liked it, *even Sarah* _____.
- They arranged to meet. They all arrived on time, _____.
- They went to an art gallery. Nobody enjoyed it, _____.
- Yesterday they had to get up early. They all managed to do this, _____.
- They were together yesterday. They were all in a good mood, _____.
- None of them took any pictures, _____.

108.2 Make sentences with *even*. Use the words in parentheses.

- She has been all over the world. (the Antarctic) *She has even been to the Antarctic.*
- She has to work every day. (on Sundays) _____
- They painted the whole room. (the floor)
They _____.
- You could hear the noise from a long way away. (from the next street)
You _____.

In the following sentences you have to use *not even*.

- They didn't say anything to us. (hello) *They didn't even say hello.*
- I can't remember anything about her. (her name)
I _____.
- There isn't anything to do in this town. (a movie theater)
_____.
- He didn't tell anybody where he was going. (his wife)
_____.

108.3 Complete these sentences using *even* + a comparative.

- It was very hot yesterday, but today it's *even hotter* _____.
- The church is 500 years old, but the house next to it is _____.
- That's a good idea, but I've got an _____ one.
- The first question was difficult to answer. The second one was _____.
- I did very badly on the test, but most of my friends did _____.
- Neither of us were hungry. I ate very little, and my friend ate _____.

108.4 Put in *if*, *even*, *even if*, or *even though*.

- Even though* _____ she can't drive, she has bought a car.
- The bus leaves in five minutes, but we can still catch it _____ we run.
- The bus leaves in two minutes. We won't catch it now _____ we run.
- His Spanish isn't very good – _____ after three years in Mexico.
- His Spanish isn't very good, _____ he's lived in Mexico for three years.
- _____ with the heat on, it was very cold in the house.
- _____ I was very tired, I couldn't sleep.
- I won't forgive them for what they said, _____ they apologize.