Concession and contrast: grammar worksheet

Fill in the blanks with a word or phrase that expresses concession or contrast.

1. ........................................ working hard, he couldn’t pass the test.

   In spite of
   Although
   However

2. ........................................ it was late, we decided to go out.

   Although
   However
   Despite

3. ........................................ being rich, she is not happy.

   Despite
   Although
   However

4. ........................................ having a bad teacher, she passed her test.
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Although
However

5. ......................................... she lives next door, we rarely see each other.

However
Although
Despite

6. ............................................... facing many setbacks, he didn’t lose hope.

Although
However
In spite of

7. ............................................... being a foreigner, she speaks English remarkably well.

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8. ............................................... she earns a good salary, she finds it difficult to make both ends meet.
   Although
   However
   Despite

9. ........................................................ living close to her office, she is always late for work.
   However
   Though
   In spite of

10. .................................................. working three jobs in a day, she makes it a point to spend quality time with her kids.
    Although
    However
    In spite of
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Answers

1. In spite of working hard, he couldn’t pass the test.

2. Although it was late, we decided to go out.

3. Despite being rich, she is not happy.

4. In spite of having a bad teacher, she passed her test.

5. Although she lives next door, we rarely see each other.

6. In spite of facing many setbacks, he didn’t lose hope.

7. In spite of being a foreigner, she speaks English remarkably well.

8. Although she earns a good salary, she finds it difficult to make both ends meet.

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10. In spite of working three jobs in a day, she makes it a point to spend quality time with her kids.