Concession Worksheet: Much As, However Hard, Albeit

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Form	Example
Much as / While + clause	Much as I like him, I don't trust him.
However / No matter how + adjective / adverb + clause	However hard I try, I can't sleep.
Adjective + as / though + subject + verb	Expensive as it was, it was worth it.
albeit + adjective / adverb · even so · admittedly · that said	a small, albeit important, change

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
However I try hard, I can't do it.	However hard I try, I can't do it.
Much as I like him, but I won't go.	Much as I like him, I won't go.
No matter what hard it is, keep going.	No matter how hard it is, keep going.

1. Rewrite

Rewrite each sentence starting with the words given.

1. Although I love my job, I need a break. → Much as _____

2. It doesn't matter how fast you drive, you won't get there on time. → However _____

3. Although it was cold, we swam. → Cold _____

4. It doesn't matter what you say, I won't change my mind. → Whatever _____

5. The project succeeded, but slowly. → The project succeeded, albeit _____

6. Although he is talented, he is lazy. → Talented _____

7. It doesn't matter how much it costs, I'll buy it. → No matter _____

8. The hotel was expensive. But the service was perfect. → Admittedly, _____

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. (However / Whatever) tired she is, she always helps.
2. (Much as / Even as) I'd love to come, I can't.
3. It was a good, (albeit / although) short, holiday.
4. (No matter how / No matter what) happens, call me.
5. Strange (as / so) it sounds, I enjoy ironing.
6. The plan is risky. (Even so / Even though), I think we should try.
7. (Whoever / However) you ask, you'll get a different answer.
8. (While / Despite) I agree with you in part, I have doubts.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. However I am tired, I'll finish it.
2. Much as I respect him, but I disagree.
3. Hard as he worked, but he failed.
4. No matter how you do, it's wrong.
5. It was a success, albeit it was small.
6. Whatever hard you try, you can't please everyone.

Writing

Write a balanced paragraph (6–7 sentences) on ‘Should homework be banned in primary schools?’ Concede at least three points using different structures.

Speaking

- Much as you love your city, what are its problems?
- However hard you try, what can you never do well?
- Talk about a decision that was right, albeit difficult.
- What will you do this year, no matter what happens?

Answer key

1. Rewrite: 1 Much as I love my job, I need a break. · 2 However fast you drive, you won’t get there on time. · 3 Cold as / though it was, we swam. · 4 Whatever you say, I won’t change my mind. · 5 The project succeeded, albeit slowly. · 6 Talented as / though he is, he is lazy. · 7 No matter how much it costs, I’ll buy it. · 8 Admittedly, the hotel was expensive, but the service was perfect.

2. Choose: 1 However · 2 Much as · 3 albeit · 4 No matter what · 5 as · 6 Even so · 7 Whoever · 8 While

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 However tired I am, I’ll finish it. · 2 Much as I respect him, I disagree. · 3 Hard as he worked, he failed. · 4 No matter what you do, it’s wrong. · 5 It was a success, albeit a small one. · 6 However hard you try, you can’t please everyone.

Writing, model answer: Much as I understand parents who complain about homework, I do not think it should be banned. Admittedly, young children need time to play and rest. However useful extra practice may be, two hours a night is clearly too much. That said, ten or fifteen minutes of reading can make a real difference. Simple as it sounds, a short daily routine teaches responsibility. The benefits are modest, albeit real. Whatever we decide, the amount should be limited.