

Name _____



Contrasting Clues

Directions: Match each beginning of a sentence (1-8) with the correct ending (A-H). Fill in the blank with **despite** or **in spite of** to show the contrast between the two ideas. Then write the letter of the correct ending in the blank before each number.

- A. everyone's clothes were soaked by the end.
- B. it was destroyed over and over again.
- C. she refused to quit.
- D. the audience cheered him on.
- E. she wanted her sister to feel ready.
- F. it almost froze the soil.
- G. the storm didn't scare him.
- H. their best player couldn't play.

- ___ 1. She finished the race _____ twisting her ankle halfway through.
- ___ 2. The picnic continued _____ the heavy rain pouring down.
- ___ 3. _____ feeling nervous, Marcus gave a strong presentation.
- ___ 4. The team won the game _____ losing their captain early on.
- ___ 5. _____ being tired, Mia stayed up to help her sister study.
- ___ 6. The flowers bloomed beautifully _____ the late frost.
- ___ 7. _____ the loud thunder, the dog stayed calm on the porch.
- ___ 8. The kids built a sandcastle _____ the waves knocking it down again and again.