

Style Selector Answer Key

Sample Responses

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| 1. Formal - despite | 6. Casual - in spite of |
| 2. Casual - in spite of | 7. Formal - despite |
| 3. Formal - despite | 8. Neutral - in spite of |
| 4. Neutral - in spite of | 9. Formal - despite |
| 5. Formal - despite | 10. Neutral - in spite of |

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthens students' understanding of tone and context when selecting between **despite** (formal) and **in spite of** (casual or neutral).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a tone chart with examples of **formal** (essays, reports), **neutral** (letters, articles), and **casual** (conversation, stories) language.
 - For struggling learners, highlight signal words that suggest tone (e.g., "research report" = formal).
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read a few sentences aloud in different tones and let students "tag" the mood before choosing the preposition.
 - Turn it into a "Tone Detective" game where students justify their tone choice before revealing the preposition.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to rewrite one formal sentence into a casual one and switch the prepositional phrase accordingly.
 - Challenge advanced learners to write a short paragraph mixing all three tones intentionally, then identify where tone shifts occur.