

even though vs. even if

1. even though(사실적인 배경)

Even though is used to express a fact, something that is real or true.

Even though means 'despite/in spite of' the fact.

It is more emphatic or stronger than 'though' or 'although'.

Examples :

Even though John is rich, he lives in a small house.

(John is rich, but despite having money he lives in a small house.)

Even though she likes animals, Mary doesn't want a dog.

(Mary likes animals, but in spite of that she doesn't want a dog.)

Even though the building was damaged, business went on as usual.

(The building was damaged, but despite that business went on as usual.)

Even though I washed it several times, I couldn't get rid of the stain.

(I couldn't get rid of the stain despite washing it several times.)

2. even if(상상한 상황)

Even if is used in a supposition or hypothesis.

It refers to an imaginary or unreal situation

Examples :

Even if Caroline earned a big salary, she would not buy a fast car.

(Supposing Caroline earned a big salary. She still wouldn't buy a fast car because she thinks they are too dangerous.)

Even if I had time and money, I still wouldn't go on a cruise.

(It's not because I have no time or no money that I won't go on a cruise. I have other reasons for not going.)

I wouldn't wear that dress even if I got it for free!

(Imagine getting that dress for nothing. I still wouldn't wear it!)

Even if Tom was offered a job in New York, he wouldn't accept it.

(Supposing Tom was offered a job in New York. He wouldn't accept it because he doesn't like big cities.)