

# The meaning



They are hanging the clothes *despite* the rain.

They are hanging the clothes *even though* it is raining.

They are hanging the clothes *because* it might get sunny soon.

They are hanging the clothes *because of* the possibility that it might get sunny.

They are happy *in spite of* the rain.

They are happy *although* it is raining.

They are happy *because* they believe it will get sunny.

They are happy *because of* the possibility that it will get sunny.

The man in the brown suit is angry *because of* the bad results.  
The man in the blue suit is positive *in spite of* the bad results.  
The man in the brown suit is angry *because* the results are bad.  
The man in the blue suit is positive *even though* the results are bad.



"It's important to note we really are trying hard."

Logical result

**BECAUSE  
BECAUSE OF**

Surprising result

**IN SPITE OF  
DESPITE  
ALTHOUGH  
EVEN THOUGH**