Unit 8 — Inequality and Voice — Teacher copy

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1. Vocabulary

Match each item to its meaning or use it in a sentence.

Term	Your note
inequality	
fairness	
access	
opportunity	
privilege	
disadvantage	
support	
scholarship	
subsidy	
free school meals	
social mobility	
discrimination	
exclusion	
inclusion	
voice	
representation	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Vocabulary — inequality
inequality, fairness, access, opportunity, privilege, disadvantage, support, scholarship, subsidy, free school meals, social mobility, discrimination, exclusion, inclusion, voice, representation.

Grammar — *despite / in spite of / because of*
All three take **a noun** or **-ing verb**, not a full clause:

- *Despite the rain, we played football.*
- *In spite of the noise, she focused.*
- *Because of the new rule, prices changed.*

For full clauses, use *although* or *because*.

3. Practise

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1. Choose: *despite / in spite of / because of*: _____ the rain, we played. _____ the new policy, prices fell.
2. Build a sentence with *despite* + *noun*: *(rain / we / played)* → ___ .

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3. Build 4 sentences using *despite, in spite of, because of, although* about a fairness topic.

4. Your turn

Reflection, 150 words. Take a clear position on a small fairness issue. Use 2 *despite/because of* + 1 *although* + 1 strong claim sentence.

Sample

The school redesigned its lunch cards three years ago, so that the cards of students who qualify for free meals look exactly the same as everyone else's. It's a small thing. Despite the small surface, the effect is real: no student has to walk past a different-coloured card on the way to the trays. Although adults sometimes call this kind of detail cosmetic, I disagree. Because of one design choice, the cafeteria queue stops being a place where income is visible. In my view, a school is most fair when its smallest details have been thought through this carefully. Posters on the wall are easy. Cards in pockets are not.

5. Further reading / listening

- BBC News — *Education* social-issue articles.
- JRF (Joseph Rowntree Foundation, UK) — accessible reports.

6. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. Despite (or In spite of) / Because of.

2. *Despite the rain, we played.*

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