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Hi, I'm Phil from BBC Learning English. Today, I'm going to tell you the difference between *even though* and *even if*.

Now, we use them both for emphasis but they don't mean the same.

We use *even though* to introduce something that's true, but might be a little bit unexpected. It's a bit like despite. *Even though I hate driving*, I'm still going to Scotland by car. *Even though I hate tennis*, I'm still going to watch the final.

We use *even if* to introduce something hypothetical, so it might not be real. *Even if it's sunny when we're in Scotland*, I'm not going swimming. *Even if you paid me*, I wouldn't watch that film.

So, *even though* is for things that are true but unexpected, and *even if* is for things that are hypothetical, so they might not be real.

*Even though they look the same*, they are different – *even if you didn't notice at first!*