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## though, tough, through, thought, thorough

Here are five well known words that often cause confusion. They can be misspelt or mispronounced. Practice forming lots of sentences so you know the difference. Have fun.

**though** - although, in spite of, despite the fact that.

Maria went on holiday, **though** she didn't really have the money.

Paul did not get approved for the new job, **though** he had all the necessary experience.

Even **though** it was raining, we enjoyed the car ride in the countryside.

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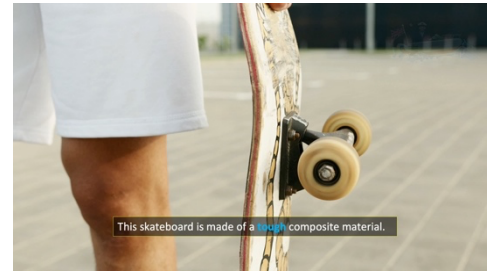
**tough** - hard, hard surface, difficult task, severe situation.

That was a **tough** exam, but I'm glad I passed.

The marathon was **tough**, but everyone crossed the line.

The skateboard is made of a new **tough** composite material.

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**through** - movement from one side to the other,  
passage into and out of.

The crowd was so thick, I couldn't walk **through** it.

There is a train that runs **through** the city.

We drive our car **through** the tunnel.

All **through** her life, Sarah always helped those in need.

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**thought** - this is the past tense from the verb "to think", an idea.

I **thought** it would be good to exercise more.

I haven't **thought** about changing my job.

What are your **thoughts** on the idea of free bus passes for the elderly?

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**thorough** — extremely accurate, very detailed, in-depth, carried out completely and carefully.

This dirty car needs a **thorough** cleaning.

The police made a **thorough** investigation of the robbery.

The research about opening a new restaurant in London has been **thorough** and accurate.

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Rosy the robin just went **through** an extremely cold and bitter winter. The ground was frozen and finding enough food to eat was **tough**.

Finally, when the weather improved, she **thought** it was about time to start a family.

Her children would need to be raised in a safe place, so a beautiful nest was built.

Even **though** it was hard work, she finished it in time for spring, and was **thoroughly** delighted with the result.

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