

**Exercise 1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.**

1. They visited the craft village, and then they bought some lacquerware as gifts for their family and friends.  
→ **After** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They decided to go camping despite the heavy rain.  
→ **Although** \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 'What country do you come from?' said Bill.  
→ **Bill wanted to know** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 'Did you play for your school team?', she asked.  
→ **She asked me** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Direct to Victoria station as fast as you can. I must catch the 12.50 train", she said. **BECAUSE**  
→ **She told the taxi driver** \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Phong said "My parents are very proud of my good marks."  
→ **Phong** \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I've never met any more dependable person than George.  
→ **George** \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My mother is the most warm-hearted person I have ever known.  
→ **I** \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.  
→ **No** \_\_\_\_\_.
10. To me, English is easier than Maths.  
→ **To me** \_\_\_\_\_.
11. This exhibition is much more interesting than the last one.  
→ **The last exhibition was not** \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The teacher says that no student in the school is noisier than I am.  
→ **The teacher says that I'm** \_\_\_\_\_.
13. I think Vung Tau City is the most liveable city in Vietnam.  
→ **I think there is no** \_\_\_\_\_.
14. "Have you finished your homework, son?"  
→ **The father wanted to know** \_\_\_\_\_.
15. "Are you doing your homework?"  
→ **I asked them** \_\_\_\_\_.
16. "Who is coming on the excursion tomorrow?" he asked.  
→ **He asked me** \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Although he has a very important job, he isn't particularly well-paid.  
→ **In spite of** \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Although I was very tired, I didn't sleep.  
→ **No matter** \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Although the salary was low, he accepted the job.  
→ **Despite** \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Because of not studying hard, he failed the entrance exam.  
→ **Because** \_\_\_\_\_.