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## My unusual lifestyle

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Most people live in a house or flat, **but** my <sup>1</sup>home is in a boat. I always have a <sup>2</sup> of water! It's <sup>3</sup> three bedrooms **and** a small living area. There's a kitchen and a bathroom too. **Although** it's small, it's warm and comfortable. We haven't got much technology. **However**, I've got a tablet **in case** I want to go online to chat with friends or watch films in the <sup>4</sup>.

I live with my parents and my sister. We <sup>5</sup> stay in one place during school time. I get up early on <sup>6</sup> **because** I help look after the boat. We don't have a car, so I always walk to school. In the school holidays, we travel around. I like this lifestyle because I visit interesting places. **Also**, I meet lots of different people – **as well as** my school friends, I've got friends all over the country!

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- 1 My home isn't very big. *Although / However* I enjoy living in it.
- 2 I meet lots of interesting people, *so / because* I never get bored.
- 3 There's an extra bed in the living area *as well as / in case* we want to invite friends to stay.
- 4 There's a living area inside the boat and there's space outside *as well as / too*.
- 5 *Although / However* my sister likes our lifestyle, she would prefer to live in a house.
- 6 Our lifestyle isn't expensive. *Too / Also*, it's good for the environment.

**Showing contrast:** however / although/ but

- We use \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of the sentence and separate the two clauses with a comma.
- We use \_\_\_\_\_ between two contrasting clauses.
- We use \_\_\_\_\_ in a new sentence between two sentences.

**Giving reasons:** because/ in case/ so

- \_\_\_\_\_ means 'because something might happen'
- \_\_\_\_\_ gives the result of an action or state, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ gives the reason for an action or state.

**Adding similar detail:** and/ as well as/ too/ also

- We use \_\_\_\_\_ either in a separate sentence or joined with *and* or *as well as*
- We use *as well (as)* at the beginning of a sentence or in the middle of a sentence.
- We use \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of a sentence.
- We use *too* at the end of the sentence, joined with *and* or *as well as*.

There's a huge TV **and** a fast internet connection, too.

I usually swim before school **and** I try to write at the weekend.

**As well as** a huge TV, there's a fast internet connection. / There's a huge TV **as well as** a fast internet connection.

There's a huge TV. There is **also** a fast internet connection.

There's a veranda **so** I have a perfect view of the sea.

I have a perfect view of the sea **because** there's a veranda

There's a fast internet connection **in case** I want to share videos with friends.

I live in a terraced house, **but** my dream home is a beach hut in Bali.

**Although** my hut is small, outside there's a veranda.

In real life I try to write at the weekend, **however**, in my dream lifestyle, I sit outside and write my novel every morning.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ playing the violin, I have singing lessons \_\_\_\_\_ .

2 My dream home is small. \_\_\_\_\_ , it's perfect for me!

3 \_\_\_\_\_ I love dancing, I'm not very good at it.

4 I want to live near the sea \_\_\_\_\_ I can swim every day.