

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate **conjunctions** in the box.

until	but	however	either ... or	
while	although	therefore	and	since

My friends (1) _____ I planned to go for a picnic last weekend. (2) _____, it was raining heavily. We were already at the bus station. We had two choices, (3) _____ get on the bus (4) _____ wait for the rain to stop. We decided to wait. We felt very upset at first (5) _____ then we met an interesting group of tourists. We passed the time chit-chatting, (6) _____ waiting for the rain to let up.

We carried on talking (7) _____ the weather cleared up. (8) _____ the tourists came from various different countries, they spoke English well. (9) _____, we had no problems communicating with them at all. (10) _____ then, I've kept in touch with one of the tourists.



Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with a suitable **conjunction** from those in the brackets.

1 Seng Koon _____ Seng Kee love spicy food. (yet, besides, and)

2 _____ reading, Mrs Lee enjoys painting. (Besides, While, Because)

- 3 Kim didn't practise hard enough, _____ she failed her piano exam. (but, still, so)
- 4 We didn't go swimming yesterday _____ it was raining heavily. (but, because, until)
- 5 Meena insisted on going out for dinner _____ nobody was hungry. (if, although, therefore)
- 6 Karina won't be able to attend my birthday party _____ she is away on holiday. (as, so, but)
- 7 Two boys were caught playing truant; _____, they were suspended for two weeks. (but, consequently, yet)
- 8 While we were on holiday by the sea, we woke up early every morning _____ we could watch the sunrise. (so that, until, however)
- 9 Shasha was very annoyed with Raj _____ he spread many untrue stories about her. (so, because, until)
- 10 _____ Liza _____ Karim knows the correct answer, so they did not get any marks. (Either ... or, Neither ... nor, Both ... and)
- 11 The boy swore he was telling the truth, _____ nobody believed him. (so, yet, until)
- 12 _____ I was hurrying down the stairs, I slipped and fell. (Until, As, Because)
- 13 _____ Linda came home, the electricity went off. (While, Just as, Since)
- 14 My teacher is very strict _____ I still like her very much. (but, until, besides)
- 15 That beautiful carpet is expensive _____ it is imported from Turkey. (but, so, as)

Exercise 3

Some **conjunctions** may sound right but are actually incorrect. Correct the sentences below.

Example:

Although Kim did not study but she did well in her examination.
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- 1 Siti did not attend the class because of she was sick.

- 2 Smoking is unhealthy. Beside that, it will tighten your budget.

3 Azizah and Suhaini and Rozilah are best friends.

4 Shirley was tired, so that she went to bed early.

5 Because I don't want to do it, so don't force me.

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences with the appropriate **conjunction**. You may use each word only once.

yet
because
when

unless
neither ... nor
even though

therefore
consequently
so that

while
besides
Since

although
not only ... but also
for

1 _____ travelling, Veronica also enjoys scuba diving.

2 There was a huge downpour _____ I was at the mall.

3 _____ you talk to him, the matter will not be settled.

4 I was late for the concert; _____, I was not allowed to enter.

5 She was afraid of heights, _____ she rode on the roller coaster.

6 He is eating less outside _____ of the recent hike in food prices.

7 I have to go now, Mum, _____ my friends are waiting at the library.

8 Karina is _____ a good cook, _____ knits well.

9 _____ she turned on the light, she saw some sparks from the switch.

10 _____ it looked cloudy outside, I decided to pack my umbrella in my knapsack.

11 Muthu is an excellent orator. _____, he was chosen as the lead speaker.

12 We plan to do extensive research _____ we can produce a well-written report.

13 Malik managed to get a train ticket home _____ it was the eve of Chinese New Year.

14 _____ Alex _____ his sister is attending the birthday party next week.

15 _____ he read the instructions several times, he could not put together the model aeroplane.

