LINKING WORDS

Complete the reading. Choose the correct linking word for each blank (only two options are given in parentheses).

My name is Laura. I live in a small town _____(and / but) I love it very much. Every day I wake up early _____(then / because) I have a lot to do. I brush my teeth _____(then / so) I get dressed. I eat my breakfast _____(before / after) I leave for school. I always try to be on time _____(because / although) I think punctuality is important.

I walk to school with my best friend _____(and / but) we talk about our homework on the way. _____(If / Although) it rains, we take the bus. We arrive at school _____(before / after) the bell rings and get ready for class.

My favorite subjects are Math _____(and / but) Science. I find Math easy _____(because / although) I practice a lot at home. Science is interesting _____(but / so) sometimes it is difficult to understand. During class, I pay attention _____(because / when) the teachers explain new topics. _____(When / If) I have a question, I raise my hand.

During lunch, I sit with my friends _____(and / but) we eat together. Sometimes I bring my lunch from home _____(before / after) I buy something at the cafeteria. _____(Although / Because) the food is delicious, I prefer homemade meals.
In the afternoon, we have sports. I play soccer _____(and / then) I practice running. _____(If / When) it is sunny, we stay outside longer. After sports, I go home _____(before / after) I talk to my coach.

At home, I do my homework _____(before / after) I relax. I like to finish all my tasks first _____(because / although) I want to have free time later. Sometimes I watch TV _____(but / so) I prefer to read books.
At dinner, I sit with my family _____(and / but) we share stories about our day. _____(Although / If) we are tired, we enjoy these moments together. After dinner, I take a shower _____(then / because) I prepare my school bag for the next day. I go to bed early _____(because / so) I can wake up fresh and ready for a new day.