

**Some connectors have been removed from this text about studying in another country.  
Match the connectors with the sentences where they fit best. There is one extra  
sentence that you do not need to use.**

For any student, moving away from home can be scary, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't expect student life in Scotland to be so different from my home of the Netherlands.

I initially thought that living in Scotland would be easy. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, we get the same news and TV shows online, and I understood most series easily.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_, when I moved from Amsterdam to study at the University of Stirling, I began to realize that a few small things were catching me off balance. I was suffering a minor cultural shock.

The language barrier meant that public transport was tricky at first (4) \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't know the way around.

In my first year, I quickly found out my English was not as good as I'd assumed. Most of my roommates were born (5) \_\_\_\_\_ raised in Scotland, and I constantly found myself having to ask people to repeat themselves.

I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ got confused about small cultural things. Much to my roommates' amusement, it took me two Christmases to figure out that mince pies are not actually filled with minced beef.

However

also

and

After all

but

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**Complete the text using the corresponding connector, choose from this list:**

**In the meantime, moreover, in order to, similarly, furthermore x 2, , nevertheless, firstly, secondly, because of, so that, as a result, likewise, on the other hand, to illustrate.**

Maria has always been a dedicated student. She excels in her studies and is known for her strong work ethic. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_, she actively participates in extracurricular activities, which has contributed to her well-rounded personality.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_, Maria is an excellent athlete. She participates in track and field events at her school. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_, her brother, David, is also a sports enthusiast.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_, he is a member of the school's basketball team.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Maria and David have different hobbies. While Maria enjoys reading and painting in her free time, David prefers playing musical instruments such as the guitar and piano. \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_, they share a common love for music, often playing together in their free time.

Maria and David have a busy daily routine. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_, they wake up early and prepare for school. \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_, they attend their classes, where Maria excels in science, and David shines in literature. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_, Maria is also involved in the school choir, while David takes part in drama club rehearsals.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ their commitment to their extracurricular activities, they often have a packed schedule. \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_, they sometimes find it challenging to complete their homework on time. To address this issue, they have started studying together \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ help each other understand difficult subjects better.

Maria and David's strong sibling bond is evident in their willingness to support each other. \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_, when Maria had a tough time preparing for her science competition, David spent hours explaining complex concepts to her. \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ she wouldn't feel overwhelmed, he simplified the material and made it easier for her to grasp.

In conclusion, Maria and David, despite their differences in hobbies and schedules, have a close-knit relationship. \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_, their shared dedication to both academics and extracurricular activities has helped them grow as individuals and strengthen their sibling bond.