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**To:** Melodycat@hyp.org  
**Subject:** Hi from Jackie and Joe

Hi Melody,

I hope you're all well. Things are busy here. Maya moved out last week. She found a small apartment not far from here, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (so / anyway) we still see her all the time. She also got a new job at a radio station. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Unfortunately, / Because) it doesn't pay very well, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (of course / but) at least she likes it. Now that Maya has moved out, it's only Joe and me at home. After 24 years of having kids around the house, it's a little strange to have the place all to ourselves. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (However / In fact) it's nice to come home to a clean house at the end of the day. :-)

Samantha is going to graduate from Oberlin College this year. We're all very proud and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (however / of course) we're going to have a party for her. (6) \_\_\_\_\_, (So / Actually) it's going to be a surprise party! So, shhh! Samantha says she wants to travel somewhere interesting this summer, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (but / because) she hasn't decided where to go yet. Joe's fine, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (although / so) he's been in a bad mood lately. He hasn't been able to do much in the garden (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (because / actually) it's rained every day for the last two weeks! (10) \_\_\_\_\_, (In fact / Nevertheless) it's been the rainiest summer for 20 years. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, (Anyway / Of course) that's enough of our news. How are you all? What are you up to?

Write back and tell me everything!

Love, Jackie