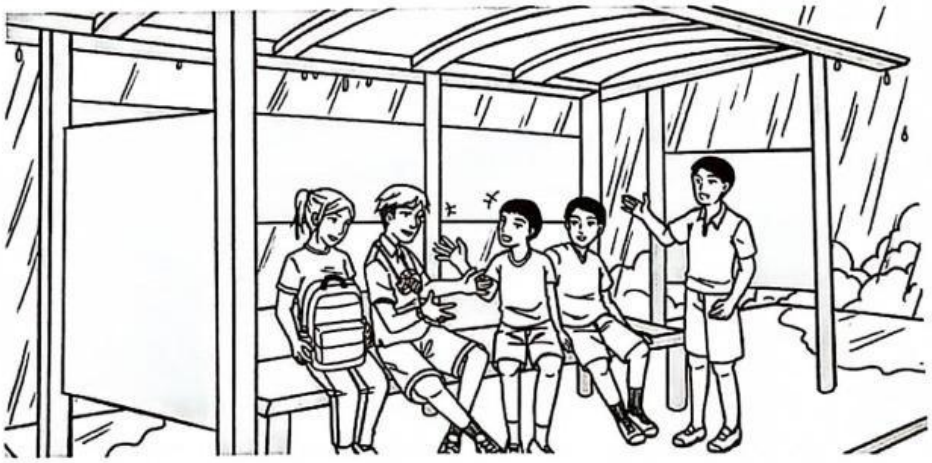
Exercise 1

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)

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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.

_____

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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	unless	therefore	while	although
because	neither ... nor	consequently	besides	not only ... but also
when	even though	so that	Since	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.

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