

## Linking words (2) • although • but

Although I like doing sports, I don't like playing badminton.

= I like doing sports, **although** I don't like playing badminton.

= I like doing sports **but** I don't like playing badminton.

We use **although** or **but** to link different ideas.



Although I like doing sports, ~~but~~ I don't like playing badminton.

Never use **although** and **but** in the same sentence.



Match the clauses to form correct sentences. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

1 Jim isn't good at sports

a although it is fast.

2 Although we like animals,

b but it is bad for us.

3 Travelling by Airport Express is expensive,

c there are a lot of animals living there.

4 Junk food tastes good

d we don't have any pets.

5 Although the forest is small,

e but he loves watching sports programmes.



A Fill in the blanks with 'although' or 'but'.

1 I don't have much pocket money \_\_\_\_\_ I can buy a card for Dad.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Pete ran fast, he didn't get to the bus stop in time.

3 The dishes were expensive, \_\_\_\_\_ they were delicious.

4 My cousins can play the guitar \_\_\_\_\_ they can't play the drums.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ the film was boring, the actors were good.

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Practice

**B** Write sentences using the words given.

1 Betsy isn't good at English / she wants to improve (but)

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2 Jason isn't tall / he can dust the bookshelves by himself (Although)

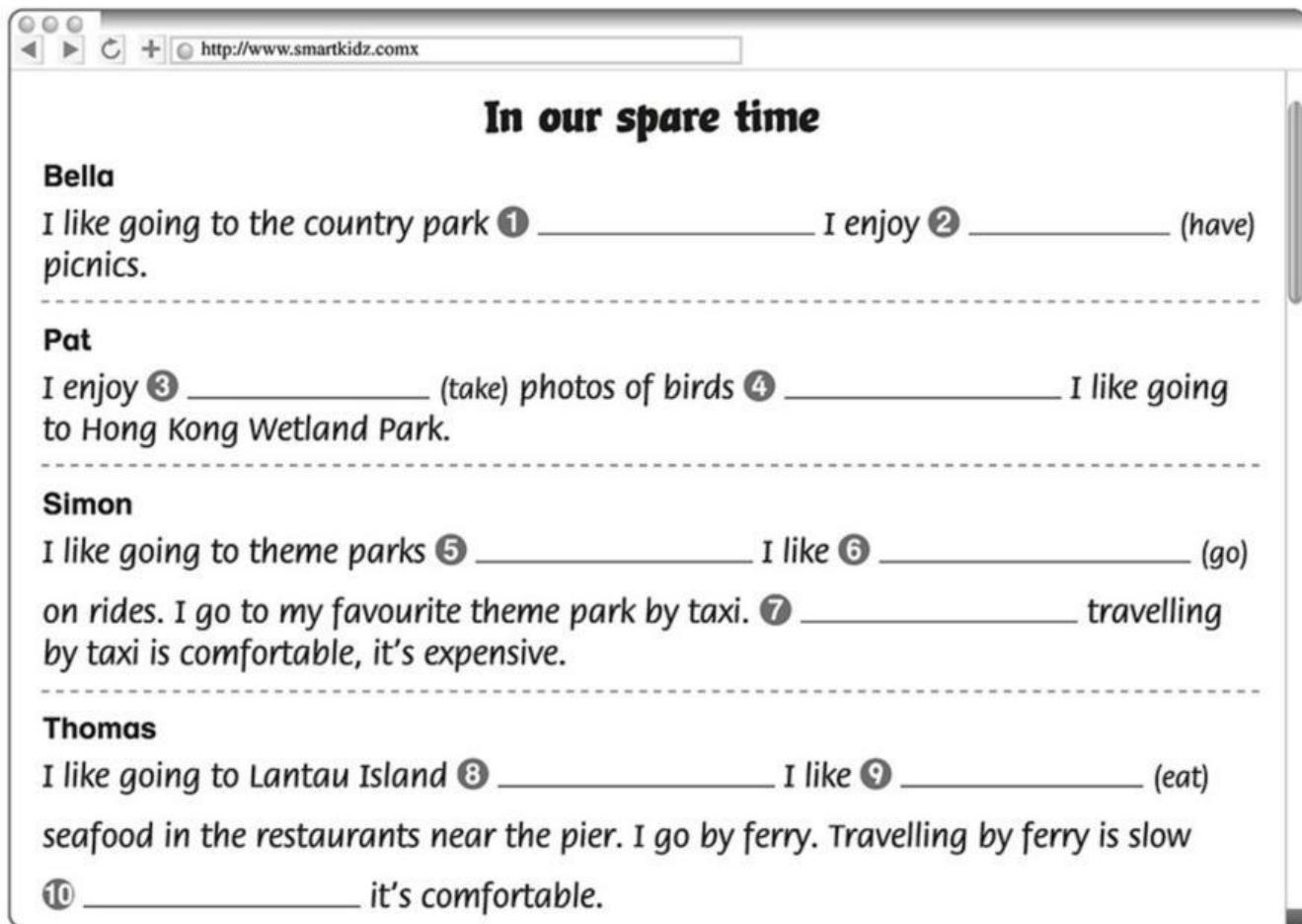
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4 Brian practised hard / he failed his piano exam (Although)

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Grammar  
in Context

Complete the sentences with 'because', 'so', 'although' or 'but' and the correct form of the verbs given.

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows 'http://www.smartkidz.comx'. The main content area has a title 'In our spare time'. Below it, there are four examples of sentences for the student to complete with the correct verb forms (because, so, although, but). Each example includes numbered blanks for the student to fill in.

**Bella**  
I like going to the country park ① \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy ② \_\_\_\_\_ (have) picnics.

**Pat**  
I enjoy ③ \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos of birds ④ \_\_\_\_\_ I like going to Hong Kong Wetland Park.

**Simon**  
I like going to theme parks ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ I like ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on rides. I go to my favourite theme park by taxi. ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ travelling by taxi is comfortable, it's expensive.

**Thomas**  
I like going to Lantau Island ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ I like ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) seafood in the restaurants near the pier. I go by ferry. Travelling by ferry is slow ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ it's comfortable.