



SMART JUNIORS 2

The Natural World

Lesson 48

Grammar Station (2)



GRAMMAR LEAD-IN

- Complete the sentences by making opposite ideas.



Parrots are lovable pets **although**...

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We explore the jungle **despite**...

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Contrasting Conjunctions

1 **but + noun + verb**

The hotel was excellent **but** the food was boring.

2 **although/ though + noun + verb**

The hotel was excellent **although** the food was boring.
Although the food was boring, the hotel was excellent.

⚠ **We can't use although (though) and but in the same sentences.**

✗ **Although** the food was boring, **but** the hotel was excellent.

3 **in spite of/ despite + noun**

The hotel was excellent **in spite of/despite** the boring food.
In spite of/ despite the boring food, the hotel was excellent.

⚠ **We can't use a noun + verb after in spite of/ despite.**

✗ The hotel was excellent in spite of the food was boring.

 **Have a try!** Complete the sentences.

1. She worked hard, _____ unfortunately, she didn't pass the test.
2. _____ the panda looking cute, it has a strong bite and can fiercely protect itself.
3. _____ some people think sharks are mean, they are actually really smart.
4. The team lost the match, _____ they played exceptionally well.
5. _____ penguins cannot fly, they are excellent swimmers.

Correlative Conjunctions

1 Both... and

Both my sister and I work very hard.

2 noun and noun + both + verb:

Peter and Miles both work very hard.

! "Both" goes after the verb to be and auxiliary verbs.

My wife and I were both looking forward to the trip.

3 Either ... or

Either Jess or her classmate made a mistake.
You can either eat out or have dinner in your hotel.

4 Neither ... nor

Neither Jess nor her classmate made a mistake.
The bird neither sings nor flies during the night.

 **Have a try!** Underline the error and write the correct word in the space provided.

1. We can either stay in nor go out. _____

2. I spoke to both Mark or Sally. _____

3. Neither Tom or Jerry plays basketball. _____

4. You can have either a dog nor a cat. _____



Time Conjunctions

We use **when, until, before, after, as soon as, and while** to connect two actions in time.

When we arrived in Florida, we hired a car.
We waited with our friends **until** their bus arrived.

⚠ When we talk about the future, we use a **present tense** after these words.

I will call you when I **get** home.

✗ I will get

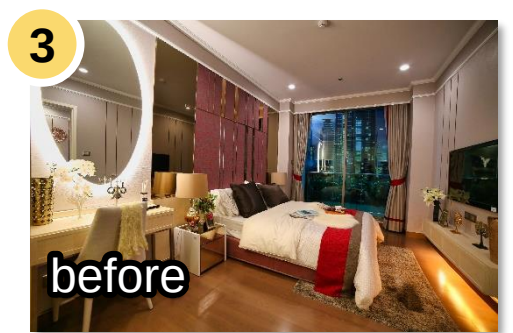
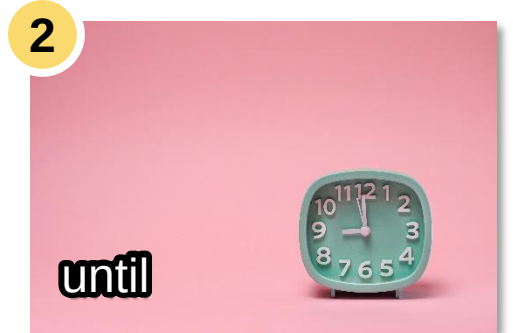
We'll hire a car, when we **arrive** in Florida.

✗ we will arrive

Have a try!

Complete the sentences by using the given hints.

She reads a book about animals...



PRACTICE TIME

- Circle the mistakes in each sentence and correct them.



Although elephants are big and strong, but they are also sensitive and have strong bonds within their herds.

Despite of their small size, honeybees are important for the environment by helping plants and crops grow through pollination.



You can have either a cat nor a dog as a loving pet because both offer loyalty and affection, just in different ways.

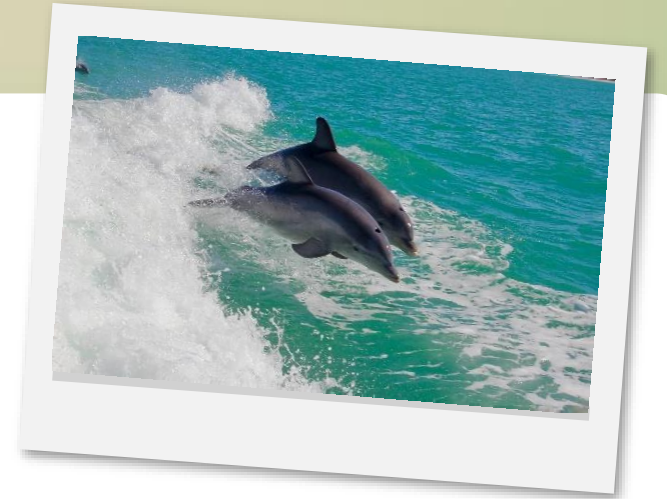
While some birds will migrate south for the winter, others endure the harsh cold by staying in their icy habitats.



PRACTICE TIME

- **Combine the pairs of sentences into one by using the given hints. The first sentence is given as an example.**

Jane wasn't late. There was a traffic jam. (in spite of)
Jane wasn't late **in spite of** a traffic jam.



- 1 Dolphins leap through water. They also glide through it. (either ... or)

- 2 The birds will find food. The heavy rain will disrupt their spot. (while)

- 3 Polar bears adapt to survive extreme temperatures. So as the camels. (both...and)

- 4 The butterfly's life is short. It brings beauty to the garden. (Although)

- Can you complete each sentence in a different way?

I help endangered animals
although/ though...



I help endangered animals
either ... or

I help endangered animals
despite/in spite of...

I help endangered animals
when... -----

I help endangered animals
both...and...



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WHAT'S NEXT...

Congratulations! You have finished Smart Juniors 2.
In the next lesson, we're going to learn Smart Juniors 3.
See you next time!