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Signal Word Detectives

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Circle or underline the words that show **contrast** between ideas (such as *however*, *although*, *whereas*, *but*, and *yet*). Then, answer the questions that follow.

Liam and Zoe are both explorers, but they couldn't be more different. Liam loves the **heat** of the desert, whereas Zoe prefers the **cold** of the Arctic. Liam packs light, traveling with only a backpack and a map; however, Zoe brings heavy gear and scientific tools wherever she goes. Although they disagree on where to explore, they both share a passion for discovering the unknown. Their methods may differ, yet their curiosity connects them like two halves of one adventure.

Comprehension Questions:

1. List two signal words from the passage that show contrast.
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2. How do Liam and Zoe's travel preferences differ?
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3. What do Liam and Zoe have in common despite their differences?
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4. Why are contrast words important in understanding this passage?
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Challenge: Write your own sentence that uses one contrast signal word to show an opposite idea.