

Smooth Contrasts Answer Key

Sample Answers (other variations acceptable if transition is used correctly):

1. Although it was raining, we still played soccer.
2. I studied hard for the test, yet I didn't do well.
3. The restaurant was crowded; however, the service was excellent.
4. Although she is shy, she enjoys performing on stage.
5. The movie was long, yet it kept everyone entertained.
6. He usually forgets his homework; however, he remembered it today.
7. Although the dog is small, it barks very loudly.
8. The trip was expensive, yet it was worth every penny.
9. The directions looked simple; however, they were hard to follow.
10. Although she was nervous, she gave a great speech.

Teacher Notes

- This activity blends **sentence combining** with **transition choice**, forcing students to restructure sentences instead of just plugging in words.
- Accept multiple answers if they use the assigned transition correctly and preserve meaning.
- Emphasize punctuation rules:
 - *Although* often starts a dependent clause.
 - *However* usually needs a semicolon or period before it when connecting independent clauses.
 - *Yet* functions like a coordinating conjunction (like *but*).
- Extension: Have students write **three of their own contrast sentences**: one with *although*, one with *yet*, and one with *however*.