**Exercise linking words**

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| 1. The prime minister has already announced his intention to step down, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is no longer regarded as influential in directing future policy initiatives. |  |  |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fact that he generally hates fish, he tried the sushi, and liked it. |  |  |
| 1. I felt really sick last night; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I would have come to your party. |  |  |
| 1. If you don't do your homework, you won't get a good mark, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you could be kicked out of school. |  |  |
| 1. It cost a fortune to renovate our house; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was worth it. |  |  |
| 1. The young boy refused to obey the teacher. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he was sent home. |  |  |
| 1. The colour black absorbs heat, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the colour white reflects it. |  |  |
| 1. Your homework this past month has been excellent; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, your pronunciation has really improved. |  |  |
| 1. Badminton is not the slow, leisurely sport many people think it is. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is the fastest racquet sport in the world. |  |  |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S., where the majority of people are against same sex marriage, a majority of Canadians support marriage rights for homosexuals. |  |  |
| 1. During the American Revolution, many brides did not wear white wedding gowns; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they wore red as a symbol of rebellion. |  |  |
| 1. There is a German proverb which advises, "Never give advice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ asked." |  |  |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ultimately a victor in the two World Wars, France suffered extensive losses to its empire in the conflicts. |  |  |
| 1. Canada's Steve Nash is one of the world's best basketball players; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he is also said to be a good enough soccer player to compete at a professional level. |  |  |
| 1. You'd better apologize to your girlfriend; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she'll probably dump you. |  |  |
| 1. My salary is pretty low, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I really enjoy what I'm doing. |  |  |
| 1. The Catholic religion holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, remained a virgin her entire life: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it would have been impossible for Jesus to have brothers or sisters. |  |  |
| 1. He passed the course \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fact that he never studied. |  |  |
| 1. To pass U.S. Army basic training, young female soldiers must do 17 push-ups in two minutes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ males must do 40. |  |  |
| 1. Momentum depends on mass; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because a heavy object has more mass than a light object, it has more momentum. |  |  |
| 1. Spices have always added flavour to a variety of dishes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they can help to preserve food where refrigeration is not possible. |  |  |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her brother, who hates sports, Carla is an excellent athlete. |  |  |
| 1. It is usually observed that children of immigrants learn to speak the language of their adopted country without an accent, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the parents rarely do so. |  |  |
| 1. You have a dangerously high cholesterol level, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you do something to bring it under control, you risk suffering a major heart attack. |  |  |
| 1. After a long affair with her married employer, Anna decided that she wanted to date younger, unmarried men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |
| 1. Rachel was married for a number of years before realizing she was, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a lesbian. |  |  |
| 1. You'll need to clean up the bedroom, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom every other day. |  |  |