Sentence Structure (Conjunctions, Connectors and Auxiliaries) Worksheet 3:

Exercise 1: Mixed Conjunctions (Gap Fill)

Instruction: Complete the sentences using a word from the box. Use each word only once. There are four extra words which you do not need to use.

Word Bank: SINCE • WHETHER • FURTHERMORE • NEVERTHELESS • WHENEVER • ONCE • BESIDES • UNTIL • WHEREVER • MEANWHILE • ALTHOUGH • BUT • DESPITE • SO

1. _____ the weather was extremely clear, the expedition team decided to postpone the climb due to high winds.
2. The company offers excellent healthcare benefits; _____, it provides opportunities for rapid career progression.
3. We cannot make a final decision on the budget _____ we have received the quarterly report from the finance department.
4. _____ you choose to accept the offer or not is entirely up to you, but please let us know by Friday.
5. _____ being a talented musician, he is also a qualified engineer with years of experience.
6. The new software is incredibly user-friendly; _____, it takes a few days to get used to the interface.
7. _____ I hear that song, it reminds me of the summer we spent travelling across Europe.
8. The police were investigating the robbery at the bank; _____, the thieves were already miles away.
9. _____ you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.
10. You will find friendly people willing to help _____ you travel in this country.

Exercise 2: The Ghost Verbs (Open Cloze)

Instruction: Read the text below. Use only one **auxiliary** or **modal** verb in each gap (e.g., be, do, have, will, would, could, should, must).

The ‘’Wow! Signal’’.

In 1977, an astronomer named Jerry Ehman detected a strong radio signal coming from deep space. It lasted for 72 seconds and (1) _____ never been detected since. Ehman was so amazed that he circled the data on the printout and wrote "Wow!" next to it. For decades, scientists (2) _____ debated the origin of the sound. While some believe it (3) _____ have been a transmission from an alien civilisation, others argue it was likely a natural phenomenon.

If the signal (4) _____ come from aliens, it would be the first proof of extraterrestrial life. However, sceptics point out that if a civilisation wanted to contact us, they (5) _____ likely send a repeating message, not a one-time burst. Recently, a new theory suggested that the sound might (6) _____ been caused by comets passing near Earth. To this day, we (7) _____ not know for sure what caused it. It remains a mystery that (8) _____ continue to puzzle astronomers for generations to come.

Exercise 3: The Editor (Error Correction)

Instruction: Read the text below about a famous con artist. There are **6 grammar errors** related to connectors, conjunctions, or auxiliary verbs. Find the errors and correct them.

The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower.

Victor Lustig was one of the most infamous con artists in history. He was a charming man which spoke five languages fluently. In 1925, he read a newspaper article discussing the expensive repairs needed for the Eiffel Tower and saw an opportunity. Despite of the fact that he had no authority, he posed as a government official and invited scrap metal dealers to a secret meeting. He convinced them that the tower must to be sold for scrap metal because the city could no longer afford to maintain it. One dealer, Andre Poisson, fell for the trick. Did Poisson checked with the city officials, he would have realised it was a scam. However, he paid Lustig a fortune. Lustig fled to Austria, but he didn't stop there. He returned to Paris a month later to try and sell the tower again! He might had succeeded a second time, but the police had been alerted just in time.

Write your corrections below:

1. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
2. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
3. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
4. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
5. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
6. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____

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Exercise 1 Answers

1. **ALTHOUGH** (Concession: "Although the weather was clear... they postponed").
2. **FURTHERMORE** (Addition: "excellent benefits; furthermore...").
3. **UNTIL** (Time: "up to the point that").
4. **WHETHER** (Alternative: "Whether... or").
5. **BESIDES** (Addition/Preposition: "Besides being...").
6. **NEVERTHELESS** (Contrast: "friendly; nevertheless, it takes time").
7. **WHENEVER** (Time: "Every time that").
8. **MEANWHILE** (Time/Contrast: "at the same time").
9. **ONCE** (Time: "As soon as").
10. **WHEREVER** (Place: "Everywhere that").

Exercise 2 Answers

1. **has** (Present Perfect: "has never been detected").
2. **have** (Present Perfect: "scientists have debated").
3. **could / might / may** (Modal of possibility: "could have been").
4. **did** (Emphatic/Subjunctive: "If the signal *did* come").
5. **would** (2nd Conditional result: "they would likely send").
6. **have** (Perfect Infinitive: "might have been caused").
7. **do** (Emphatic/State: "we do not know").
8. **will** (Future prediction: "will continue").

Exercise 3 Answers

1. Error: which (line 1) -> Correction: **who** (Relative pronouns for people must use "who" or "that").
2. Error: Despite of (line 3) -> Correction: **Despite** / **In spite of** ("Despite" is never followed by the preposition "of").
3. Error: must to (line 5) -> Correction: **must** / **had to** (Modal verbs like "must" are followed by the bare infinitive without "to").
4. Error: Did (line 6) -> Correction: **Had** (Inverted 3rd Conditional "Had Poisson checked" replaces "If Poisson had checked").
5. Error: However (line 7) -> Correction: **Consequently** / **So** / **Therefore** (A result connector is needed here, not a contrast connector).
6. Error: had (line 8) -> Correction: **have** (Modals of past speculation follow the structure: Modal + Have + Past Participle).