UNIT 2:   **but, yet, except, only**

1. 'but' and 'yet' are used to join two contrasting sentences.

   Example A

   Gerald ran as fast as he could. Gerald did not win the race.

   Answer 1

   Gerald ran as fast as he could **but** did not win the race.

   Answer 2

   Gerald ran as fast as he could **yet** did not win the race.

   NOTE:

   'Gerald' is mentioned only once. The tenses in the sentences remain unchanged.

2. 'except' and 'only' are used to highlight the odd one out in a sentence.

   Example B

   All the pupils have completed their work. Leon has not completed his work.

   Answer 1

   All the pupils, **except** Leon, <u>have</u> completed their work.

   Answer 2

   All the pupils <u>have</u> completed their work **only** Leon <u>has</u> not.
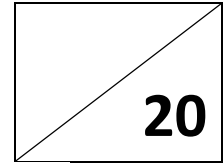
   NOTE:

   Be careful with the tenses. Remember the verb 'have' in Answer 1 is determined by the plural verb 'pupils'.
   The verbs 'have' and 'has' in Answer 2 are determined by 'pupils' and 'Leon' respectively.

Exercise

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. The warrior fought valiantly. The warrior lost in the end

   _____ but

   _____

2. The two stories are equally exciting. One story has more detailed illustrations

   _____ only

   _____

3. Mr Ang went to work although he was sick.

   _____ yet

   _____

4. One cf the fishes escaped. We caught the rest

   _____ except

   _____

*5. Joseph stepped boldly into the house that was reputed to be haunted.

   _____ yet

   _____

6. The apprentice tried to emulate his master. The apprentice failed to emulate his master.

   _____ but _____

   _____

7. Everyone at the event wore the same t-shirts. The organizers are the ones with whistles around their necks.

   _____ only

   _____

8. Sunny is rich Sunny is stingy.

   _____ but

   _____

9. One of the coins is shinier than the others. Other than that, the coins look alike.

   _____ only

   _____

*10. Unlike everyone else, Tonia was not looking forward to the trip.

   _____ except _____

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