

## Connectives 2

Read the article below. Fill in each blank with the appropriate connective word from the box. Some may be used more than once while some may not be used.

therefore	and	since	as a result	however	even though
although	also	but	for instance	because	nevertheless

Motorists in China are experiencing a traffic jam from hell. Thousands of drivers have been stuck in their cars for ten days on the Beijing-Tibet Expressway just outside the Chinese capital. The gridlock started on August 14th (1) \_\_\_\_\_ road works began. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the bad news is that the chaos will continue for another month, the good news is that eventually the expressway will be the best road in China.

The situation has been made worse by dozens of cars breaking down or overheating. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, around 400 traffic police have been assigned to patrol the jam to make sure tensions don't rise too far. The horrendous jam is the result of the rise in the number of cars on Chinese roads. China is becoming wealthier. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, more people are buying cars. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, this causes more traffic problems. Drivers trapped in the traffic jam know they have to be patient and sit for long hours in their cars (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that isn't always easy (7) \_\_\_\_\_ there are no facilities nearby. (8) \_\_\_\_\_, there are no showers for them to use and if they need to use a toilet, they have to lock their car and wander off to the nearest café. (9) \_\_\_\_\_, there are many complaints of local people taking advantage of the stranded motorists by charging them more than double prices for drinks and snacks. (10) \_\_\_\_\_, most people have remained calm.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ people are keeping themselves busy by playing cards or board games. Some have reported feeling homesick. One truck driver Juang Shao expressed his frustration over the situation: "I've missed my daughter's birthday (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the food in my truck has probably turned into soup," he said. He said he was worried his truck could be stuck in the traffic forever.