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PRETEST: UNIT 17**PART 1****Choose the words from the box into the correct blanks to complete the paragraph.**

while	after	when	where
even if	because	despite	because

Perhaps you have heard that becoming cold leads to catching a cold. It turns out that this is just a myth. **(1)** _____ the fact that many people believe it, there is no scientific evidence that it is true. Colds are spread **(2)** _____ the virus enters the body through the nose or eye. Only a person infected with the cold can give it to someone else upon sneezing. It may be more difficult to elude catching colds in the winter **(3)** _____ people are closed up with other people at home or in the office **(4)** _____ they are more likely to contract the virus. Second, some people believe that drinking milk while suffering from a cold worsens congestion. People may think this **(5)** _____ the fat in milk is believed to get stuck in the throat. Nevertheless, one study showed that **(6)** _____ you drink a lot of milk, you will not have worse congestion. Third, **(7)** _____ many people think that taking medicine may slow recovery from a cold, there's little scientific evidence supporting this belief. Treating cold symptoms may actually help lower the chance of spreading the virus to others. Clearly, you won't get a cold from being cold, and **(8)** _____ you catch a cold, it's OK to take medicine and drink milk.

PART 2**Choose the correct word or words to complete the sentences.**

- Unless / Despite / Although** it's supposed to rain, I'm still going to run the half marathon.
- While / After / Because** we've spent a lot of money on the house renovation, we can't go on vacation this year.
- Only if he gets an A on his final exam **he will / he would / will he** pass Dr. Lee's class.
- I heard a strange noise outside **while / since / whereas** I was getting ready to go to bed.
- Although / In case / Despite the fact** you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to email me.
- If / While / Although** it rains, we'll have to reschedule the pool party.
- That / Now that / Whenever** I'm retired, I finally get to travel as much as I want.
- We have been married **when / since / during** 2005.