‘Although’ is used to show a contrast. We use a subject and a verb after ‘although’.

For example:
“We liked the hotel although it was very expensive.”
(The fact that it was expensive is emphasized.)

“There was a storm although the weather was calm.”
(The fact that the weather was calm is emphasized.)

“Although the hotel was very expensive, we liked it.”
(The fact that we liked it is emphasized. Note the use of a comma after the introductory clause.)

• Complete each of the sentences below. There are many possible answers.

1. I got up early this morning although ….
   I got up early this morning although it’s the weekend.

2. Although I had a street map ….
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3. John didn’t pass the test although ….
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4. Although my grandfather is very old ….
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5. I finally fell asleep although ….
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6. Although my friend is very smart, ….
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7. I spent three hours cleaning the house although ….
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8. Although the building looks new, ….
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ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary.

Some possible answers:

1. I got up early this morning although it's the weekend.
2. Although I had a street map, I got lost.
3. John didn't pass the test although he studied hard.
4. Although my grandfather is very old, he still likes to exercise.
5. I finally fell asleep although I didn't sleep well.
6. Although my friend is very smart, he made a big mistake.
7. I spent three hours cleaning the house although my little brother made it messy again!
8. Although the building looks new, it is really very old.

Grades as percentages

8 / 8 = 100%
7 / 8 = 88%
6 / 8 = 75%
5 / 8 = 63%
4 / 8 = 50%
3 / 8 = 38%
2 / 8 = 25%
1 / 8 = 13%
0 / 8 = 0%