

LINKING-WORDS-CONNECTORS

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Grammar in 30 Seconds

Contrast: although / though / even though + clause, however / nevertheless = but.

Cause/Result: because / since / as, so / therefore, because of / due to + noun.

Activity 1: Fix the Sentence - Add a comma or change a word

Task: Read. Is it correct? If not, fix it.

1. Although it rained we went out.
2. We went out however it rained. (Use although) _____
3. Because the traffic, we were late. _____
4. I was tired. _____, I finished my homework.

Activity 2: Change Because to So - Same meaning, different word

Task: Rewrite the sentence. Change *because* to *so*.

Example: I missed the bus because I overslept. -> I overslept, so I missed the bus.

1. I stayed home because I was sick.

Rewrite with so: I was sick, _____.

2. Now you try: I was late because there was traffic.

_____

Activity 3: Formal or Informal? - Circle the best word

Task: Circle the correct word. Formal = for work/email. Informal = for friends.

1. The idea is good, (but / nevertheless) it is expensive.
2. (Because / Due to) the rain, the match was cancelled. (Formal)
3. I am writing to say that (but / nevertheless), I must decline. (Formal)

Activity 4: Write 4 Lines About Your Day - Use 4 words

Task: Write a short story (4 lines). Use all 4 words one time.

Words you must use: although, because, therefore, however

Example: Although I was busy, I went to the market.

Example: I went because I needed food. I was tired, therefore I came home.

Now write your 4 lines. Then underline your 4 linking words.

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Answer Key

Activity 1: Fix the Sentence

1. Although it rained, we went out.
2. We went out although it rained.
3. Because of traffic
4. However

Activity 2: Change Because to So

1. I was sick, so I stayed home.
2. There was traffic, so I was late.

Activity 3: Formal or Informal?

1. but (informal) / nevertheless (formal) both OK
2. Due to
3. nevertheless

Activity 4: Write 4 Lines About Your Day

Open. Check: 4 sentences, uses although + comma, because + reason, therefore + result, however + comma.

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