

Unit 4 Linking ideas – Conjunctions ➔ p45

1 Use *but*, *although* and *however* to join these two sentences.

She's rich and famous. She's unhappy.

2 In each group complete the sentences with suitable conjunctions.

Contrast however although despite even though

- _____ I can't speak much Spanish, I can understand a lot.
- I can't speak Spanish well. _____, I can order a beer.
- He can't speak Spanish well, _____ he lives in Spain.
- _____ living in Spain, he can't speak Spanish.

Reason & Result such ... that so as (x2) because so ... that

- I didn't sleep well last night, _____ I'm tired.
- I'm tired _____ I didn't sleep well last night.
- I wanted to go, but _____ it was late, I decided not to.
- _____ John can't be here today, I'm chairing the meeting.
- It was _____ windy _____ we couldn't put up the tent.
- He's _____ a terrible liar _____ no one believes him.

Time when(ever) while as (soon as) until after since

- I called you _____ I could.
- He refused to talk to the police _____ his lawyer arrived.
- I feel sad _____ I hear that song.
- They were burgled _____ they were away on holiday.
- I've known her _____ I was a small child.
- I'll help you with this exercise _____ dinner.

Condition if as long as unless in case

- _____ I'm going to be late, I'll call you.
- You won't pass _____ you work harder.
- Take an umbrella _____ it rains.
- You can borrow my car _____ you drive carefully.

3 Work in pairs. What do you know about Marilyn Monroe?

4 Read about Marilyn. What are the conspiracy theories surrounding her death? Underline the correct conjunctions.

5 Research and write about someone famous who interests you. Use the plan below to help.


Paragraph 1: Introduction and your interest in this person

Paragraph 2: Early life

Paragraph 3: Career path

Paragraph 4: Period of fame

Paragraph 5: Later life (and death)

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Marilyn
Monroe

THE DEATH
OF A STAR



It is over 40 years ¹*since/after* Marilyn Monroe died, ²*however/but* theories concerning her death still fascinate the world. ³*Whenever/While* her name is mentioned, people recall the mystery of her final hours and ⁴*although/despite* the official verdict was suicide, many believe that she was murdered by the Mafia or the FBI.

Marilyn had a reputation as a dumb blonde who had ⁵*so/such* a problem with drink, drugs, and depression that she could never remember her lines. ⁶*However/But*, her beauty and fame brought her into contact with some of the biggest names of the day. She dated Frank Sinatra, ⁷*even though/despite* he had connections with the Mafia, and she also had affairs with President John Kennedy and his brother Bobby.

⁸*When/Until* Marilyn was found dead in bed at her home in Los Angeles in the early hours of Sunday, August 5, 1962, police assumed it was suicide ⁹*but/as* there was an empty bottle of sleeping pills on the table beside her. ¹⁰*Despite/However*, witnesses, including her psychiatrist and some of her friends, insisted she was not suicidal at the time. Other witnesses said they saw Bobby Kennedy visit her house that night, ¹¹*as long as/even though* he claimed to be in San Francisco. There were other suspicious events. Marilyn's housekeeper disappeared immediately ¹²*after/since* she was found, only to reappear a year later as an employee of the Kennedys. Why would they employ her ¹³*unless/if* they wanted her to keep silent? Marilyn's diaries also disappeared. Were they ¹⁴*so/such* revealing that they had to be destroyed?

Marilyn's ex-husband Joe DiMaggio was convinced the Kennedys had her killed. He never spoke about it ¹⁵*while/during* he was alive ¹⁶*in case/unless* he also met an untimely death, but he did in his memoirs, which were published ¹⁷*as soon as/since* he died.