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B1 CONNECTORS ≈ 27 MIN

Linking Words for Contrast and Reason – *practice on paper*

You know the connectors — now reinforce contrast, reason, and result with fresh sentences for reports and emails.

Although introduces a clause and however a new contrasting sentence; because of/due to give reason, **so/therefore** give result.

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY CONNECTION · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. Put **contrast** on the left and reason or result on the right.

- Although rent rose, we kept the office.
- The room was small. However, it worked.
- Though the call ran late, nobody complained.
- Even though demand fell, we hired.
- The sample was plain. However, buyers liked it.
- We paused because of a network fault.
- Due to fog, the delivery arrived late.
- The deadline moved, so we updated the quote.
- Stock was low. Therefore, we reordered.
- We left early because of the storm.

CONTRAST	REASON OR RESULT

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE WITH THE RIGHT CONNECTOR · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Add the right connector. Check **logic and structure** first: clause, noun phrase, or result.

01 _____ the office was noisy, I finished the call. (although)

02 The quote was late. _____ , the buyer accepted it. (however)

03 We postponed the demo _____ a power cut. (because of)

04 _____ a booking error, the room was unavailable. (due to)

05 The figures changed, _____ we reran the forecast. (so)

06 The venue was basic. _____ , the guests stayed. (however)

07 _____ the schedule was tight, nobody rushed. (even though)

08 The service was stable. _____ , we closed the case. (therefore)

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING ○ | 2 · FILL-IN ○ | 3 · CORRECT ○ | 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence contains exactly one error in meaning, structure, or punctuation. Rewrite the whole sentence correctly.

01 The launch slipped, also we changed the email.

02 Costs rose, however we kept the supplier.

03 Although the late delivery, we reopened.

04 Due to the network failed, we paused.

05 We were behind. Although, we met the deadline.

06 The brief changed, because of we revised the scope.

BRICK 4 · CONNECT YOUR OWN STATEMENTS · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one English sentence or sentence pair for each prompt. Use the connector with the right **structure**.

01 Email: use although to create an unexpected contrast.

02 Report: give a reason with because of and a result with so.

03 Correction: express a result without the false friend also.

04 Offer: connect two complete sentences with however.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ○ I put a subject and verb after although, though, and even though.
- ○ I separate two complete sentences with a full stop before However.
- ○ I place because of and due to before a noun phrase.
- ○ I use so or therefore for results and avoid the German false friend also.

Still unsure? Mark contrast, reason, or result first, then check the following structure.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Although rent rose, we kept the office.
***Contrast**: although links higher rent with an unchanged decision.*

02 The room was small. However, it worked.
***Contrast**: however opposes two complete sentences.*

03 Though the call ran late, nobody complained.
***Contrast**: though introduces the unexpected opposition.*

04 Even though demand fell, we hired.
***Contrast**: even though highlights the strong opposition.*

05 The sample was plain. However, buyers liked it.
***Contrast**: however opposes appearance and reaction.*

06 We paused because of a network fault.
***Reason or result**: because of gives the reason as a noun phrase.*

07 Due to fog, the delivery arrived late.
***Reason or result**: due to introduces fog as the cause.*

08 The deadline moved, so we updated the quote.
***Reason or result**: so introduces the consequence.*

09 Stock was low. Therefore, we reordered.
***Reason or result**: therefore introduces the result.*

10 We left early because of the storm.
***Reason or result**: because of names the storm as the reason.*

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **Although** the office was noisy, I finished the call.
Contrast: Although introduces a clause.

02 The quote was late. **However**, the buyer accepted it.
Contrast: However opens a new sentence after the full stop.

03 We postponed the demo **because of** a power cut.
Reason: Because of precedes a noun phrase.

04 **Due to** a booking error, the room was unavailable.
Reason: Due to precedes a noun phrase.

05 The figures changed, **so** we reran the forecast.
Result: So introduces the consequence.

06 The venue was basic. **However**, the guests stayed.
Contrast: However links the opposing statements.

07 **Even though** the schedule was tight, nobody rushed.
Contrast: Even though introduces a strong opposition.

08 The service was stable. **Therefore**, we closed the case.
Result: Therefore introduces the consequence.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 The launch slipped, **so** we changed the email.
Result: German also becomes English so here.

02 Costs rose**. However,** we kept the supplier.
Punctuation: A full stop separates the complete sentences before However.

03 **Although delivery was late**, we reopened.
Structure: Although needs a clause with a subject and verb.

04 Due to **the network failure**, we paused.
Structure: Due to precedes a noun phrase.

05 We were behind. **However**, we met the deadline.
Structure: However can open the new contrasting sentence.

06 The brief changed, **so** we revised the scope.
Result: So introduces a complete result clause.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Answers vary; check logic, following structure, and punctuation.

01 **Although** the first call was difficult, we reached an agreement.
Contrast: Although introduces the clause.

02 We changed the route **because of** roadworks, **so** the team arrived later.
Because of gives the reason; so introduces the result.

03 The printer failed, **so** I used the shared device.
English uses so for a result, not the German false friend also.

04 The offer looked expensive. **However**, it included support.
However opens the new contrasting sentence after the full stop.

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