



Linking words.

But, although and
however

o **But, although** and **however** all express contrast

o **Although** and **however** are more formal than **but**, and are used more in *formal writing*.

But

- o It joins two clauses. It must go before the second clause.

Example:

- o I don't write many letters, but I send emails a lot.
- o I like dogs, but I don't like cats.

Although

- It joins two clauses. It can go **at the start** of the sentence in which case a comma separates the clauses.
- It can also go **in the middle** of a sentence in which case it is preceded by a comma.

0 Examples:

0 **Although** I don't write many letters, I send emails a lot.

0 I send emails a lot, **although** I don't write many letters,

However

- 0 It joins two sentences, and introduces the second the second sentence .
- 0 It is preceded by a full stop and followed by a comma.

E.g.

*I don't write many letters. **However**, I send emails a lot.*

So and Because

o **So** introduces a result or consequence.

E.g.

He was sick, **so** he left the office.

o **Because** introduces a reason.

E.g.

*He left the office **because** he was sick.*