

1 You receive an email from an old friend. It is many years since you heard from them. You want to reply and tell them about you and your life. Make some notes.

but, although, and however

2 Read these sentences. They all mean the same, but how are they different?

- I don't write many letters, **but** I send a lot of emails.
- **Although** I don't write many letters, I send a lot of emails.
- I don't write many letters. **However**, I send a lot of emails.

3 Join these pairs of sentences in different ways.

- 1 I love ice cream. I don't eat it often.
- 2 He's a good friend. We don't have a lot in common.
- 3 She isn't English. She speaks English very well.
- 4 It rained a lot. We enjoyed the holiday.

so and because

4 Read these sentences.

- 1 He lived in France for many years, **so** he speaks French well.
- 2 He speaks French well **because** he lived in France for many years.

Which pattern goes with which sentence?

- a Result → Cause
 b Cause → Result

5 Join the pairs of sentences in two different ways using *so* and *because*.

- 1 I don't eat broccoli. I don't like it.
- 2 She went home. She was tired.
- 3 We didn't enjoy our holiday. The weather was bad.
- 4 He worked hard. He passed all his exams.
- 5 I enjoy history lessons. I like the teacher.
- 6 It started to rain. We stopped playing tennis.

6 Read the email. Who is writing to who? Why? What news does she give? Complete the email with these linking words.

but although however so because



Date: Wed, 27 Apr. 20:07:36 +0100 (BST)
From: "Lindy Cameron" <lindy.cam5@donwana.com>
Subject: RE: Do you remember me?
To: "Teresa Tate" <Teresa@Tate174.fsnet.co.uk>

Dear Teresa,

How wonderful to hear from you. Of course I remember you (1) _____ it's nearly seven years since we were neighbours. How did you get my email address? You told me a little about you and your family, (2) _____ now I'd like to know more. You ask how we all are, (3) _____ here's some of our news.

First things first – George and I are now divorced! I know you never liked him much, (4) _____ you are probably not too surprised. (5) _____, we still see each other a lot (6) _____ of the twins. They're nine now and they're good girls, (7) _____, of course, sometimes a bit of a handful. We moved from Birmingham (8) _____ I didn't want them to grow up in a big city. We now live in a beautiful, old farmhouse in Wales. I love country life. We have lots of land, (9) _____ we grow all our own vegetables and keep a few chickens. (10) _____, it's all very expensive to look after and (11) _____ I sell some of our produce to the local shops, we never have enough money for holidays and treats, (12) _____ we're happy and healthy.

I can't wait to hear more of your news. Write very soon.

Please come to stay. I'd love to see you again.

Love
 Lindy X

7 Write an email to your old friend. Use your notes from exercise 1 and the phrases below. Compare your email with your partner's.

Dear X
 How wonderful/amazing to hear from you.
 I was so surprised./What a wonderful surprise.
 How did you get my email address?
 It was great to get your news.
 Let me tell you something about my life.
 Please let's keep in touch.
 Love/Best wishes/All the best