

Linking ideas: conjunctions. Choose the correct conjunction.



It is over 40 years <sup>1</sup>since/after Marilyn Monroe died, <sup>2</sup>however/but theories concerning her death still fascinate the world. <sup>3</sup>Whenever/While her name is mentioned, people recall the mystery of her final hours and <sup>4</sup>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 <sup>5</sup>so/such a problem with drink, drugs, and depression that she could never remember her lines. <sup>6</sup>However/But, her beauty and fame brought her into contact with some of the biggest names of the day. She dated Frank Sinatra, <sup>7</sup>even though/despite he had connections with the Mafia, and she also had affairs with President John Kennedy and his brother Bobby.

<sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>but/as there was an empty bottle of sleeping pills on the table beside her. <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>as long as/even though he claimed to be in San Francisco. There were other suspicious events. Marilyn's housekeeper disappeared immediately <sup>12</sup>after/since she was found, only to reappear a year later as an employee of the Kennedys. Why would they employ her <sup>13</sup>unless/if they wanted her to keep silent? Marilyn's diaries also disappeared. Were they <sup>14</sup>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 <sup>15</sup>while/during he was alive <sup>16</sup>in case/unless he also met an untimely death, but he did in his memoirs, which were published <sup>17</sup>as soon as/since he died.