

Linking ideas: conjunctions. Choose the correct conjunction.



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

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