



## Linking Words 1 – Contrast, Reason, Result – Worksheet 2

**Exercise 1: Conversation – Fill in the Blanks with a suitable linking word (but, although, however, because, because of, due to, so).**

**Tom:** Hey Lisa, how was your trip to Italy?

**Lisa:** It was amazing! \_\_\_\_\_, the weather was a little disappointing.

**Tom:** Oh no! What happened?

**Lisa:** Well, it rained every day \_\_\_\_\_ the bad forecast.

**Tom:** That's terrible! \_\_\_\_\_ the weather was bad, were you still able to do sightseeing?

**Lisa:** Yes! We went to Rome and Venice. \_\_\_\_\_, we had to cancel our beach trip.

**Tom:** That's a shame. Did you at least try Italian food?

**Lisa:** Of course! We ate so much pasta \_\_\_\_\_ it's my favorite food.

**Tom:** Sounds like a great trip overall!

**Lisa:** Yes, I would love to go back, \_\_\_\_\_ I'd check the weather first next time!

**Tom:** That's a good idea. \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather, was the hotel nice?

**Lisa:** Yes! The staff were really friendly, \_\_\_\_\_ the rooms were a bit small.

**Tom:** That's not too bad. \_\_\_\_\_ your hotel was in the city center, did you walk everywhere?

**Lisa:** Mostly, \_\_\_\_\_ we took taxis when it rained.

## Exercise 2: News Article – Gap Fill

Complete the news article using **but, although, however, despite, because, due to, or so** in the correct form.

### Heavy Traffic Causes Delays in the City

Commuters experienced long delays this morning \_\_\_\_\_ an accident on the main highway. \_\_\_\_\_ the efforts of traffic police, congestion remained heavy throughout the morning rush hour.

One driver said, “I left home early, \_\_\_\_\_ I still arrived late to work.” Officials reported that the accident occurred \_\_\_\_\_ poor visibility caused by fog. \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy traffic, some drivers managed to find alternative routes.

Road users are advised to leave extra time for their journeys, \_\_\_\_\_ further congestion is expected later today. Many businesses in the affected area \_\_\_\_\_ saw a drop in customers as people avoided the traffic. Authorities are considering introducing new measures, \_\_\_\_\_ they have not yet confirmed any plans.

City officials have urged people to use public transport \_\_\_\_\_ reduce the number of vehicles on the roads.