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Linking Opposites

Directions: Read each short passage carefully. Highlight or underline the **contrasting connectors** (words like *but*, *yet*, *however*, *although*) that show differences between ideas. Then complete the **challenge** that follows.

1. Jamie trained for months to join the debate team, but when the big day arrived, she froze on stage. She knew her facts well, yet her nerves made her forget everything she practiced.
2. The new movie had stunning visual effects. However, the story felt flat and predictable. Fans left the theater amazed by the action scenes, but disappointed by the ending.
3. Although the storm clouds looked frightening, the rain never came. We waited with umbrellas ready, yet the sky stayed calm and bright.
4. Mark is known for his honesty, but he kept quiet this time to protect his friend. His choice surprised everyone, although they understood his reason.

Challenge Exercise: Write a paragraph (3-4 sentences) using at least **two contrasting connectors** to show opposite ideas. Underline them after.