

The Proper Use of Although

Here is some information on the proper use of the word *although* in a sentence. Please note it.

The Two Correct Ways

1. In the MIDDLE of a sentence:

We decided not to wear our jackets when we went for a walk, although the weather was rather chilly.

2. At the BEGINNING of a sentence:

Although the weather was rather chilly, we decided not to wear our jackets when we went for a walk.

The Wrong Way

Do NOT use *Although* as the first word of a sentence with a comma after it and a period after the *although* part. This will make a fragment sentence, which is a serious mistake.

We decided not to wear our jackets when we went for a walk. Although, it was rather chilly outside.

Although vs. However

A better way to write the above sentence would be to use the word *However* instead of *Although*.

We decided not to wear our jackets when we went for a walk. However, it was rather chilly outside.

In other words, the word *although* is NOT the same as *however*. The word *However* is able to stand at the beginning of its own sentence and should be followed by a comma. (See sample immediately above.) The word *although* CANNOT do that.