

HOWEVER

DON'T THROW THE WORD 'HOWEVER' INTO THE MIDDLE OF A LONG SENTENCE

USE AT THE START OF A SENTENCE WITH A COMMA - UNLESS YOU'RE CONFIDENT WITH THE RULES

CORRECT

'However' is a wonderful word. However, it's safest at the start of a sentence followed by a comma.

You can, however, use it like this .

You can use a semicolon to split two related ideas; however, this is more complex.

Read the examples above out loud. Note how the punctuation guides correct pronunciation.

INCORRECT

Things turn ugly when it's used to join two sentences together, however, some people do this a lot.

Sometimes the word just appears randomly however for no apparent reason. This is bad grammar.

ADVANCED

THE THREE USES OF 'HOWEVER'

Connective (start of sentence or after semicolon)	However, this use shows change of direction. I'm set in my ways; however, I want to change.
Adverb (commas on either side)	You can, however, use it like this. ('however' here is used to modify 'you can')
Relative adverb (no punctuation) (means 'regardless of how' or 'in whatever way')	However hard you try to make rules, there's always an exception.