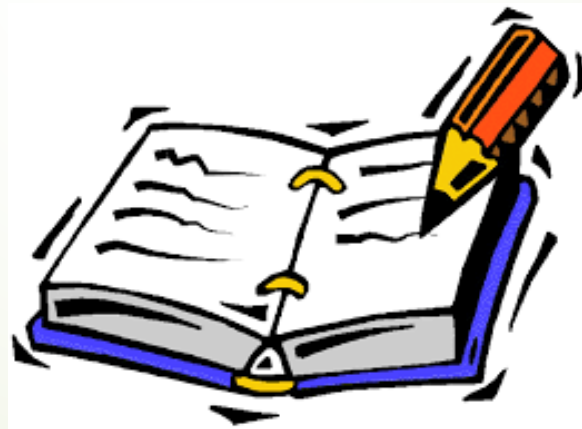




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Coherence and Cohesion in academic writing



Intermediate & Upper-intermediate

What is the difference between coherence and cohesion?



Coherence	Cohesion
Connection of ideas at text level	Connection of ideas at sentence level
Rhetorical aspects –developing, organizing, clarifying	Lexical and grammatical aspects
Text is easy to read –logical and systematic	Text is easy to read- connection in the sentences and between paragraphs
Sentences related to before and after each other	Ideas in the sentence are related
Ideas in at the end of a paragraph are connected with the beginning of the next paragraph	

Some ways to achieve coherence

- **1-Arrange your ideas in a logical order**
 - Chronological order
 - Order of Importance
 - In blocks
 - Point by point

- **2-Parallel structure** (persistent pain, pale face and terrible headache)
(the cooperation among students, the diversity of cultures, how to make new friends)

- **3-Cohesive devices**
 - Link old and new sentences in a certain pattern
 - Transition signals
 - Repetition of key words
 - Clear and consistent pronouns
 - Demonstratives
 - Consistent verb tenses



What Is a Reverse Outline

and why should you use one?



- a technique to improve coherence
- Helpful in extended writing assignments (a lot of data and ideas)
- Helpful in analyzing the structure and organization of your essay
- Helpful in logically organizing information
- Gives a clear idea of what the essay is about
- How much you have given to each point



Reverse Outlining

- Reverse outlining follows a two-step process:
 - In the **left** margin, write the main topic of each paragraph using as few words as possible. These notes should tell you if the paragraph is focused and clear.
 - In the **right** margin, write how the paragraph topic advances the overall argument. Be brief. These notes allow you to follow the logic of the essay, making it easier for you to revise.
 - Your notes should tell you whether each paragraph fits in the overall organization of your paper, and whether paragraphs need to be reordered to improve the flow.

Revising Writing

Develop your content with sufficient evidence and support

Why?
How?

Order your ideas logically to make them stronger

Improve the content, coherence and cohesion of your writing

Revising Writing

How to make the paragraph more coherent

- Reorder the sentences
- Make adjustments/additions to improve cohesion
- Move some sentences
- Remove some sentences
- Combine some sentences



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