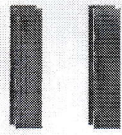


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## Unity and Coherence

In this unit, you will learn ...

- the importance of unity in essay writing.
- how to edit an essay for unity.
- the importance of coherence in essay writing.
- methods of creating coherence.

### Writing effective essays

You've already learned that an essay should be organised into an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. The next step is to make sure that all three parts of the essay work together to explain your topic clearly.

### Unity in writing

#### What is unity?

Unity in writing is the connection of all ideas to a single topic. In an essay, all ideas should relate to the thesis statement, and the supporting ideas in a main body paragraph should relate to the topic sentence.

#### Read the essay on page 79 about Chinese medicine. Then do these tasks.

- a. Underline the thesis statement with two lines.
- b. Underline each topic sentence with one line.
- c. List the supporting ideas in each main body paragraph on a separate piece of paper.
- d. After you have finished, review the topic sentences and supporting ideas. With a partner, discuss how the topic sentences relate to the thesis statement and how the supporting sentences relate to the topic sentences. Is the essay unified?

