

Coherence in writing

➤ What is coherence?

Coherence is related to unity. Ideas that are arranged in a clear and logical way are coherent. When a text is unified and coherent, the reader can easily understand the main points.

As you learned in Unit 9, creating an outline helps make a well-organised essay. When organising your ideas, think about what type of organisation is the best for your topic or essay type. Here are some examples of types of writing and good ways to organise them.

Type of writing	Type of organisation
Chronology (historical events, personal narratives, processes)	Order by time or order of events / steps
Description	Order by position, size, and shape of things
Classification	Group ideas and explain them in a logical order
Comparison / contrast	Organise in point-by-point or block style
Argumentation / persuasion and cause / effect	Order from least important to most important

- 3 Look again at the essay in exercise 1 on page 79. What type of organisational pattern does the essay use? How do you know? What about the text in exercise 2 on pages 80 and 81?

Cohesive devices

➤ What is a cohesive device?

Cohesive devices are words and phrases that connect sentences and paragraphs together, creating a smooth flow of ideas. In this unit, we'll look at transitions, pronoun references, and repetition of key ideas.

