

## Cohesion Example

### What is cohesion?

*Cohesion refers to the way texts use grammar and vocabulary to 'stick' or 'glue' ideas together. This is done through **articles** (a/an/the), **pronouns** (it/this/these/that/those/etc..), **word families** (analyse/analysis) / **summary nouns** (approach/trend/issue) and **synonyms** (effect/consequence). In addition to these above key areas, relative clauses, ellipsis and connectors are also important.*

### Pronouns

**Put these pronouns in the gaps: It / this / these / that / those / they**

*Example: Bristol is situated in the South west of the U.K. It has a population of 530,000 people.*

1. There is evidence to suggest that life can exist on Mars. If \_\_\_\_\_ is true, human beings could be living there in the next 50 years.
2. There are two important questions to address this issue. Once \_\_\_\_\_ questions \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cultural explanations are important in understanding lifestyles. \_\_\_\_\_ are also important in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The government is introducing a new law on privacy. If \_\_\_\_\_ is passed, this \_\_\_\_\_ more protection to celebrities.
5. Social classes are made up of two distinct groups. \_\_\_\_\_ who see themselves as working class and \_\_\_\_\_
6. 1921 saw a great movement towards feminism. In \_\_\_\_\_ days, \_\_\_\_\_ were not really discussed.

### Word forms

*Example: Jones (2016) analysed the data and found that .... This analysis provided evidence that...*

1. Economists believe that the next financial crisis will be from Student Loan debt. This \_\_\_\_\_ is also shared with financial experts.
2. Smith (2017) hypothesises that there is a link with crime and poverty. His \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ in helping to reduce crime.
3. There are two key concepts of describing UK society; Conflict and Consensus theory. The \_\_\_\_\_ is based on \_\_\_\_\_ agreement.
4. The public are criticising the Government for their inability to control the process of Brexit. This \_\_\_\_\_ could lead \_\_\_\_\_ for a different government in the next elections.
5. It is perceived that 80% of women are still responsible for household tasks. If this \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ that there is gender inequality in relationships.
6. 50% of students who do an undergraduate course in a UK university proceed onto a Masters course. This \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to their education costs.

**Summary Nouns** [this/these + summary noun]

<i>approach</i>	<i>division</i>	<i>manner</i>	<i>result</i>
<i>analysis</i>	<i>event</i>	<i>method</i>	<i>stage</i>
<i>area</i>	<i>evidence</i>	<i>phase</i>	<i>subject</i>
<i>aspect</i>	<i>experience</i>	<i>problem</i>	<i>system</i>
<i>category</i>	<i>fact</i>	<i>procedure</i>	<i>task</i>
<i>challenge</i>	<i>factor</i>	<i>process</i>	<i>tendency</i>
<i>change</i>	<i>feature</i>	<i>project</i>	<i>topic</i>
<i>characteristic</i>	<i>form</i>	<i>purpose</i>	<i>trend</i>
<i>circumstance</i>	<i>issue</i>	<i>reason</i>	<i>type</i>
<i>difficulty</i>	<i>item</i>	<i>research</i>	<i>understanding</i>

\* there are many more summary nouns

Choose a suitable word from the box. [more than one answer is possible]

*Example: Many psychologists have been investigating the key reasons for divorce for many years. Their **research / evidence** seems to suggest that lack of communication is one of the key issues.*

1. The economy is regarded as the decisive aspect in the outcome of an election. This key \_\_\_\_\_ means many politicians focus on economic improvements in their manifesto.
2. There have been a number of recent government policies to implement more green spaces in the cities. These \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ areas of calmness.
3. Contactless payments are becoming the principle method of choice for many consumers. This \_\_\_\_\_ increases \_\_\_\_\_ queues.
4. After two years the project is still undergoing a number of problems at the development phase. If these \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ project may be abandoned.
5. Homelessness is becoming more widespread in the UK. This \_\_\_\_\_ is blamed \_\_\_\_\_ of living.
6. Recently, the Government Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was introduced in 2018. The main \_\_\_\_\_ was so that \_\_\_\_\_ their personal data.

## Coherence

*Coherence is concerned with how a writer guides the reader through the argument using logical connectors. It can be achieved by using signposting phrases. A signpost is a phrase that a writer or speaker uses to indicate different stages or parts of a written or spoken text*

**Example:** *In contrast to the conclusion drawn by Smith (2004), Nguyen (2006) showed that the connection between the factors was not causal in most circumstances.*

<p><b>Highlighting or emphasising a point</b>            Importantly, ...            Indeed, ...            In fact, ...            More importantly, ...            Furthermore, ...            Moreover, ...  <u>It is also important to highlight ...</u>  <u>To emphasise this,</u></p>	<p><b>Changing direction or creating a comparison</b>            However, ...            Rather, ...            In contrast, ...            Conversely, ...            In comparison, ...            Compared to ...  <u>Another point to consider is</u></p>
<p><b>Acknowledging something and moving to a different point</b>            Although ...            Even though ...            Despite ...  <u>The opposite view is...</u>  <u>The differentiation here is...</u></p>	<p><b>Following a line of reasoning</b>            Therefore, ...            Subsequently, ...            Hence ...            Consequently, ...            Accordingly, ...            As a result, ...            As a consequence, ...</p>
<p><b>Summarising</b>            Finally, ...            Lastly, ...            In conclusion, ...            To summarise, ...            In summary, ...            Overall, ...            The three main points are ...</p>	<p><b>Giving an example</b>            For instance, ...            For example, ...            this can be illustrated by ... ...,            namely, ...            such as</p>
<p><b>Adding a similar point</b>            Similarly, ...            Likewise, ...            Again, ...            Also, ...</p>	<p><b>Being more specific</b>            In particular, ...            In relation to ...            More specifically, ...            With respect to ...            In terms of ...</p>

**Key phrases:** Manchester Phrase bank: <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

**Incorporation Paragraph:** - choose the correct signpost / connector

Incorporation offers several advantages to businesses and their owners. **For instance, / The most important aspect / In particular,** ownership is easy to transfer. The business is able to maintain a continuous existence even when the original owners are no longer involved (Brown, 1999). **In addition, / Subsequently, / Despite** [redacted] responsible for the business's debts (Henry, 2009). If the XYZ Corporation defaults on a \$1 million loan, **in comparison / for instance/ however,** its investors will [redacted] liability. Incorporation also enables a business to obtain professional managers with centralised authority and responsibility; **as a consequence, / such as, / therefore,** the business [redacted] [redacted] (Schwartz, 2010). **In conclusion / Finally / One last thing,** incorporation gives a business certain legal [redacted], own property, and borrow money (Brown, 1999).

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**Globalisation Paragraph** - Academic phrases & linking

especially in /evidence suggests that / in particular / it is important to highlight that /  
having said this

Globalisation offers extensive opportunities for truly worldwide development but it is not progressing evenly. \_\_\_\_\_ there have [redacted] rich and poor between, and within countries. \_\_\_\_\_ that the richest quarter of the world's population saw its per capita income increase nearly six-fold during the last century, whereas [redacted] than a three-fold increase (Harrison and Cavendish, 2014). However, in some countries, \_\_\_\_\_ Asia, per capita incomes have been moving swiftly towards levels in the industrial countries [redacted] [redacted] of developing countries have made only slow progress or have lost ground. \_\_\_\_\_, per capita incomes in Africa have declined relative to the industrial countries [redacted] terms (IMF, 2017).

## Cohesion **ANSWERS**

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2. ....
3. ....

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