

Cohesion

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 are answered, then the process can move forward.
3. Cultural explanations are important in understanding lifestyles. _____ are also important in defining the cultural differences in behaviour.
4. The government is introducing a new law on privacy. If _____ is passed, this legalisation would offer more protection to celebrities.
5. Social classes are made up of two distinct groups. _____ who see themselves as working class and _____ who are middle class.
6. 1921 saw a great movement towards feminism. In _____ days, women's rights 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 provided a possible understanding in helping to reduce crime.
3. There are two key concepts of describing UK society; Conflict and Consensus theory. The _____ is based on harmony, shared values and general agreement.
4. The public are criticising the Government for their inability to control the process of Brexit. This _____ could lead to social unrest and people voting 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 true then it would suggest 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 quite costly and adds an extra £30,000 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 designed to improve air quality and areas of calmness.
3. Contactless payments are becoming the principle method of choice for many consumers. This _____ increases transaction speed and reduces queues.
4. After two years the project is still undergoing a number of problems at the development phase. If these _____ are not solved quickly, the whole project may be abandoned.
5. Homelessness is becoming more widespread in the UK. This _____ is blamed on the rise in rents and cost of living.
6. Recently, the Government Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was introduced in 2018. The main _____ was so that individual's had more privacy rights and control over 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>Highlighting or emphasising a point Importantly, ... Indeed, ... In fact, ... More importantly, ... Furthermore, ... Moreover, ... <u>It is also important to highlight ...</u> <u>To emphasise this,</u></p>	<p>Changing direction or creating a comparison However, ... Rather, ... In contrast, ... Conversely, ... In comparison, ... Compared to ... <u>Another point to consider is</u></p>
<p>Acknowledging something and moving to a different point Although ... Even though ... Despite ... <u>The opposite view is...</u> <u>The differentiation here is...</u></p>	<p>Following a line of reasoning Therefore, ... Subsequently, ... Hence ... Consequently, ... Accordingly, ... As a result, ... As a consequence, ...</p>
<p>Summarising Finally, ... Lastly, ... In conclusion, ... To summarise, ... In summary, ... Overall, ... The three main points are ...</p>	<p>Giving an example For instance, ... For example, ... this can be illustrated by, namely, ... such as</p>
<p>Adding a similar point Similarly, ... Likewise, ... Again, ... Also, ...</p>	<p>Being more specific 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** the stockholders of a corporation are not held 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 not be held responsible for paying that liability. Incorporation also enables a business to obtain professional managers with centralised authority and responsibility; **as a consequence / such as / therefore,** the business can be run more efficiently (Schwartz, 2010). **In conclusion / Finally / One last thing,** incorporation gives a business certain legal rights so it can enter into contracts, 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 been significant growth differences between 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 the poorest quarter experienced less 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 since 1970. _____, a larger number of developing countries have made only slow progress or have lost ground. _____, per capita incomes in Africa have declined relative to the industrial countries and in some countries have declined in absolute terms (IMF, 2017).

Cohesion ANSWERS

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5. Social classes are made up of two distinct groups. **Those** who see themselves as working class and **Those** who are middle class.
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Word forms

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

1. Economists believe that the next financial crisis will be from Student Loan debt. This **belief** is also shared with financial experts.
2. Smith (2017) hypothesises that there is a link with crime and poverty. His **hypothesis** has provided a possible understanding in helping to reduce crime.
3. There are two key concepts of describing UK society; Conflict and Consensus theory. The **latter** is based on harmony, shared values and general agreement.
(this sentence is a trick and really based on a summary noun - checking student's comprehension)
4. The public are criticising the Government for their inability to control the process of Brexit. This **criticism** could lead to social unrest and people voting for a different government in the next elections.
5. It is perceived that 80% of women are still responsible for household tasks. If this **perception** is true then it would suggest that there is gender inequality in relationships.
6. 20% of students who do an undergraduate course in a UK university proceed onto a Masters course. This **procedure / process / course** is quite costly and adds an extra £30,000 to their education costs.

Summary Nouns **ANSWERS**

Choose a suitable word from the box.

There many different answers BUT the key point is identifying key term and finding a possible replacement summary noun

1. The economy is regarded as the **decisive aspect** in the outcome of an election. This key **area / aspect / factor / topic** 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 **changes / events / phases / projects / trends** are designed to improve air quality and areas of calmness.
3. Contactless payments are becoming **the principle method** of choice for many consumers. This **feature / method / system /** tendency increases transaction speed and reduces queues.
4. After two years the project is still undergoing **a number of problems** at the development phase. If these **difficulties / challenges / issues / problems** are not solved quickly, the whole project may be abandoned.
5. Homelessness is becoming more widespread in the UK. This **fact / characteristic / fact / feature / issue / problem / trend** is blamed on the rise in rents and cost of living.
6. Recently, the Government Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was introduced in 2018. The main **reason / purpose** was so that individual's had more privacy rights and control over their personal data.

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Globalisation offers extensive opportunities for truly worldwide development but it is not progressing evenly. It is important to highlight that there have been significant growth differences between rich and poor between, and within countries. **Evidence suggests** that the richest quarter of the world's population saw its per capita income increase nearly six-fold during the last century, **whereas** the poorest quarter experienced less than a three-fold increase (Harrison and Cavendish, 2014). **However**, in some countries, especially in Asia, per capita incomes have been moving swiftly towards levels in the industrial countries since 1970. **Having said this**, a larger number of developing countries have made only slow progress or have lost ground. **In particular**, per capita incomes in Africa have declined relative to the industrial countries and in some countries have declined in absolute terms (IMF, 2017).