

Cohesion Within Paragraphs

When ideas within paragraphs link well together we say the paragraph has **cohesion**.

You can think of **cohesion** like glue holding the paragraphs together.

Why cohesion is important:

- It keeps order in the paragraph.
- Related ideas are kept together.
- It makes it easier for the reader to understand the text.
- Ideas flow more smoothly.
- It provides links between ideas.

Connecting adverbs / adverbials can help to create cohesion within paragraphs. They join separate sentences together and ensure that ideas flow more smoothly.

Addition	Opposition	Reinforcing	Explaining	Listing	Indicating Result	Indicating Time
also	however	besides	for example	firstly	therefore	in the beginning
furthermore	nevertheless	anyway	in other words	first of all	consequently	just then
moreover	on the other hand	after all	to clarify	lastly	hence	meanwhile
still	in contrast		for instance	secondly	as a result	later

Examples of connecting adverbs / adverbials in action:

First of all, I want to welcome you to the meeting.

I didn't think much of the film. Helen, **on the other hand**, enjoyed it.

I was upset. **However**, I didn't say anything.