

Cohesion: Connect Ideas Clearly

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

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Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Cohesion helps readers see how sentences and paragraphs relate.

2 Connectives can show time, cause, contrast, addition or condition.

3 Pronouns and repeated key terms must have clear references.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Choose the best connective for cause, contrast and addition.

Repair a paragraph with unclear pronoun references.

Reorder sentences so an explanation flows from general idea to example.

Combine two short sentences without creating a run-on.

Add a linking sentence between two related paragraphs.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Read one paragraph aloud and notice where the ideas feel disconnected. Try one connective or reference change.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Write a two-paragraph explanation using at least three different types of connective and underline them.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What does a causal connective show?

2. Why can too many connectives make writing awkward?

3. What should a pronoun clearly refer to?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Cohesion: Connect Ideas Clearly”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

A cause/effect relationship.

2. Suggested response

They can sound forced or repetitive.

3. Suggested response

A clear noun or idea already introduced.

Review before publication

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FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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