

COHESIVE DEVICES

Cohesive devices are used to link sentences, paragraphs and ideas. They are used to provide logical connection between ideas. Linking ideas is one of the most important keys to writing a good essay. There are many types of cohesive devices and they serve different functions. Cohesive devices are also known as transitions, coordinators and linkers. Some important and common cohesive devices are as follows:

COHESIVE DEVICES	FUNCTION	EXAMPLE
Firstly, secondly, first, second, finally, lastly, for one thing, to begin with, next	To show the logical order of ideas or time sequence	Firstly, the internet plays an important role in the world of communication.
Also, similarly, furthermore, likewise, moreover	To link ideas together and state explicitly that two items are similar to each other	...the Internet also saves time as message can be delivered in a matter of seconds.
Besides that, other than that, apart from that, on top of that, in addition	To add ideas and to link the new ideas to the previous ideas	Besides that, the Internet also saves time as message can be delivered in a matter of seconds.
This is because, this is due to the fact that	To provide a reason to illustrate an idea provided earlier	This is because the Internet offers easy and inexpensive ways to communicate such as emails, messenger, chatting, teleconferencing and blogging.
In sum, in short, in conclusion, to conclude, all in all, overall, to summarize	To summarize ideas either at the end of sections of explicitly state that the essay is concluding	In conclusion, it is undeniable that the internet brings us many advantages.
Which is to say, in other words, that is	To reinforce the previous idea by expressing it in a slightly different way to make it more explicit	In other words, the internet helps to promotes students learning.
For example, for instance, such as, namely, specifically	To provide an example in order to illustrate an idea	...the Internet offers easy and inexpensive ways to communicate such as emails, messenger, chatting, teleconferencing and blogging.
Consequently, thus, as a result, hence, so, therefore	To demonstrate that the following idea is a result of the previous idea	Therefore, I strongly disagree with the writer's opinions which were published in your editorial column.
On the other hand, on the contrary, in contrast, alternatively, conversely, by comparison, instead of, instead	To signal differences of alternatives between two ideas	Instead, we should make full use of the Internet to benefit mankind.
Though, however, nevertheless, in spite of that	To state an opposing idea	However, I do agree up to a certain point with the writer that the Internet has the potential to distract students from their studies
Not only...but also	To put ideas together and to show that they are on an equal level	Information from various fields such as business, education, science and entertainment from all over the world is not only easily obtainable but most of it also free of charge