

Cohesive Devices for Task 2 Essays

The following are examples of the type of language that can help with the flow (cohesion) of the essay. I recommend choosing only those that you prefer and memorizing them well, rather than attempt to memorize too many and use them incorrectly.

Begin your essay.

- Nowadays, **many people believe that**
- Most people **are aware that**
- Many people **advocate the view that**
- **Opponents argue that**
- **There exist strong arguments in support of both sides of this debate**, which implies that it is worth examining both points of view before reaching any conclusions.
- **It is a common belief that**
- The economy **is clearly something that is often discussed** in today's
- Home education is an issue **that generates heated debates**, with supporters maintaining that
- Over the years, **many have recognised the need for** social and personal freedom.
- Distant education supporters **offer a variety of arguments**.

Stress your point.

- **Clearly,**
- **Obviously,**
- **It is obvious that**
- **In many respects**
- **Naturally,**
- **In fact,**
- **Undoubtedly,**

Give ideas and present a view.

- **People argue** a lot nowadays about whether
- **Furthermore,**
- **Nevertheless,**
- **On the whole, I believe** that
- **From an economic standpoint,**
- **In addition,** many people
- **It is often argued that** censorship is necessary.
- **Furthermore, it is generally felt** that
- An additional **advantage** of education **is** that

- One convincing argument in favour of censorship is that
- Another drawback of censorship is that
- Sceptics point out that
- There is another side to the issue.
- This is partly true
- The greatest disadvantage of censorship is that
- Another negative aspect of censorship is that
- It is true to a certain extent

Show your impression.

- As far as I am concerned,
- It makes an enduring impression on
- The most notable feature of it is
- One cannot help but be impressed by the natural beauty.
- Without doubt, the most impressive thing is
- The first thing one notices about
- Undoubtedly, the thing that will disappoint any visitor is

Compare

- In contrast
- In comparison
- The cottage was the same as it had been.
- The new buildings are considerably less ornate than
- It was by far the most elegant hotel
- The places are alike in that
- Compared with Paris, Rome is
- On the other hand,
- The main difference between Rome and Paris is
- Nevertheless, it is a cozy town

Give your opinion.

- From my point of view,
- It is my opinion that
- In my opinion,
- I firmly believe that
- I am convinced that
- I do not agree that
- I am inclined to believe that
- As far as I am concerned,

Provide examples

- For example,
- For instance
- such as
- in particular
- One typical example of this is

Suggest solutions

- One way to deal with the situation **would be** to ensure
- Steps should also be taken to
- A clear solution to this problem **is** for the government to make sure
- One final suggestion, which would be of great benefit, **would be to**
- Measures should be taken in order to deal with
- An alternative way to solve this problem **would be**
- People should focus their attention on improving the situation
- If attempts were made to address this problem, the effect **would be** that
- The situation **could be improved** if ..

Show the result.

- A result of her being open-minded **is** that she is popular
- The outcome of those measures **might be**
- The effect of this **would be**
- The reason she is popular **is** that
- As a result, ..
- Consequently,

Conclusion

- In conclusion, it can be said that
- Taking everything into consideration, I believe that
- In summary, it is clear that
- All things considered, the obvious conclusion to be drawn is that
- To conclude, it is my belief that
- To sum up, I am convinced that
- Taking everything into account, I therefore conclude that
- All things considered, it can be concluded that