

## 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