



Cohesion and Clarity in Writing

Today's Standard

11-12.W.1c - Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

Cues	Notes
What is cohesion in writing?	Cohesion refers to the logical flow and connection between ideas in a text.
How can syntax vary?	Syntax can vary by changing sentence structures, using different types of clauses, and incorporating varied punctuation.
Why are transitional phrases important?	Transitional phrases help to clearly connect different parts of the text, making the argument easier to follow.
What are common misconceptions?	Common misconceptions include thinking that listing evidence without connections is sufficient and believing that complex vocabulary alone creates cohesion.
How to link claims and evidence?	Linking claims and evidence involves using clear, logical transitions and varied syntax to show relationships.

Summary

Cohesion and clarity in writing are achieved through the use of varied syntax and transitional phrases. These elements help to logically connect ideas, making arguments more understandable and compelling.