



The Role of Syntax

Why Intermediate and Advanced English Writers Should Learn More About It

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Essential for coherence & cohesion

Although syntax may seem like a subject you learn as part of the basics of learning a new language, **coherence & cohesion problems** in writing are usually related to the understanding of sentence structures.

Basics:
The barks dog loudly.
VS
The dogs barks loudly.



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Advanced Conjunctions

Word → Example in sentence

1. Since → I went to the movies alone today since you went yesterday.
2. Because → You are grounded because you left without permission.
3. Whereas → Ana is responsible, whereas her brother is reckless.

Meaning

1. Indicate time or indicates minor cause-effect relationship between ideas.
2. Indicates a strong and direct cause-effect relationship.
3. Indicates a contrast.



Understanding the Parts of Speech

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The comprehension of the different parts and their roles are **key points** for structure. For that reason, learning the positions of each part is vital. For most parts, you can figure out their placements based on the **nouns** and **verbs**.

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Positions



Nouns

Before: determiners, possessive pronouns, adjectives or any characteristics of them

Verbs

Before: subjects nouns

After: prepositions, adjectives, and object nouns

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Transitional words

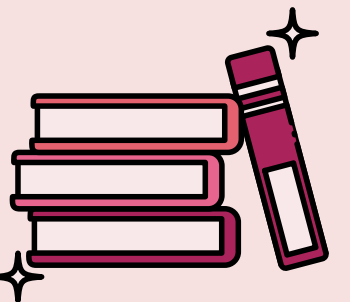
Use a variety of transitional devices to not only enhance your work, but also as cohesive devices that will work as links to your ideas. It is important to know the options available:

- **Addition:** Futhermore, In addition, and As well as
- **Illustration:** In the case of , For example, etc.
- **Cause and effect:** As a result, Thus, and Hence
- **Comparison:** Equally, Similarly, and In the same way
- **Contrast:** However, Unlike, and In spite of

And more!

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Search & Examine



After broadening your knowledge, it is essential to always be willing to examine your writing for improvements. Remember to:

- Use a thesaurus for synonyms
- Vary in cohesive devices
- Analyze the meaning of your word selection
- Keep in mind to follow syntax rules

Learn their Meaning

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Aside from positions, the functions of the parts are also important. For advanced writers, the issue lies in expanding their vocabulary and analyzing which words may be more appropriate for a specific scenario.

