

Adverbials for Cohesion

time, place, number, exception, cause and effect, contrast or comparison, clarification and emphasis or addition

Adverbials are words or phrases that are used to modify a verb or clause. Adverbials may be adverbs, preposition phrases or subordinate clauses. Adverbials can be used to create cohesion within and across paragraphs.

time

in the beginning
only yesterday
until then
to begin with
at first
meanwhile
simultaneously
after that
straight away
presently

place

near this location
around here
in the city
behind the clouds
beyond the wall
inside the cave
out in the countryside
along the lane
here in this room
over the street

number/frequency

firstly
secondly
lastly
once
twice
occasionally
rarely
every so often
often
sometimes

exception

despite this
aside from
despite
excluding
even though
other than
with the exception of
apart from
however
besides

cause and effect

as a result
for this reason
subsequently
hence
as a consequence
due to
therefore
so as to
because of this
consequently

contrast/comparison

on the other hand
alternatively
similarly
nevertheless
in contrast
rather than
compared with
on the contrary
in comparison
however

clarification

in fact
in other words
to clarify
above all
the main reason for this
for instance
in essence
to summarise
to illustrate this
in conclusion

emphasis/addition

to clarify
most importantly
especially
primarily
furthermore
above all else
as well as
in addition to this
also
moreover