

Cohesion Signals – Classroom Poster & Mini Rubric

This classroom-ready resource helps teachers quickly assess cohesion in ESL writing. It emphasizes meaning-driven cohesion rather than mechanical use of linking words.

Key Cohesion Signals

- Reference (clear pronoun use)
- Substitution (avoiding unnecessary repetition)
- Ellipsis (removing predictable information)
- Logical Conjunctions (guiding the reader)

Mini Rubric

- 4 – Cohesion supports meaning naturally
- 3 – Minor cohesion issues, meaning mostly clear
- 2 – Frequent cohesion problems, reader effort needed
- 1 – Lack of cohesion disrupts understanding