Organization, Coherence, and Style

AP English Language and Composition · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
coherence /kəʊˈhɪərəns/	**Coherence** means ideas connect in a clear order.
style /staɪl/	The writer's **style** includes word choice and sentence length.
clause /klɔːz/	A **clause** has a subject and a verb.
repetition /ˌrepəˈtɪʃn/	Avoid **repetition**: do not use the same word again and again.
synonym /ˈsɪnənɪm/	"Big" is a **synonym** for "large". "Big" "large"
pronoun reference	Unclear **pronoun reference** confuses readers: who is "he"? "he"
parallel structure /ˈpærəlel ˈstrʌktʃə/	**Parallel structure** uses the same form: "to read, to write and to think". "to read, to write and to think"。
transitional element	A **transitional element** like "however" links ideas. "however"
denotation	The **denotation** of "home" is the place you live. "home"
connotation /kɒnəˈteɪʃn/	The **connotation** of "home" includes warmth and safety. "home"
adjective /ˈædʒɪktɪv/	"Quiet" is an **adjective**. "Quiet"
adverb	"Quickly" is an **adverb**. "Quickly"
modify	Adjectives **modify** nouns.

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word choice /wɜːd tʃɔɪs/	The writer's **word choice** can make a place sound happy or frightening.
disposition /ˌdɪspəˈzɪʃn/	The writer's **disposition** is their general attitude toward the topic.
unified	A **unified** paragraph sticks to one idea.
topic sentence /ˈtɒpɪk ˈsentəns/	The **topic sentence** gives the main idea of the paragraph.

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