

# Cohesive Paragraph Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ When appropriate, a title identifies the paragraph topic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The paragraph begins with a topic sentence that tells what the paragraph is going to be about.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All ideas in the paragraph relate to the main topic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ideas are presented in a logical order.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting words or transitions link ideas and signal how ideas are related to each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Words and phrases relate to the topic and explain important ideas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Verb tenses are consistent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns are used correctly, and their antecedents are clear. (In other words, it is clear to what noun or pronoun each pronoun refers.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The style and tone of the paragraph are consistent and appropriate for the topic, audience, and purpose for writing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The conclusion relates directly to the topic sentence.