

Staying coherent

Is suitable for writers who

- ... already have a draft outline,
- ... want to find a good transition from outline to raw text,
- ... work on large, confusing writing projects.

Material:

Current draft outline, white sheets or a new text file

Procedure:

Distribute the headings of all levels of your outline with enough space for at least three sentences between them on several sheets.

Now quickly write three sentences on each outline item. Stay in the writing flow and write down what comes to your mind first. If you lack information or if the content is unclear, formulate preliminary assumptions. Write a continuous text in a run of 20 - 30 minutes.

Afterwards read through the text - can you see a main, coherent message in your text? Are there breaks in the coherency, unclear passages, repetitions?