



Function-Rank Matrix

		Functional components of the semantic system				
		Interpersonal		Textual		
				(structural)		(non-structural)
Experiential	Ideational					
By rank:	All ranks:	By rank:	By rank:	Cross-rank:		
Clause:	Paratactic and hypotactic relations	Clause: mood, modality (condition, addition, report)	Clauses: theme	Information unit: information distribution, information focus	Cohesion	
Verbal group:	tense	Verbal group: person	Verbal group: voice		Reference	
Nominal group:	epithesis	Nominal group: attitude			Substitution	
Adverbial group:	circumstance	Adverbial group: comment			Ellipsis	
					Conjunction	
					Lexical cohesion	

from: Halliday, M A K & Hasan, R *Cohesion in English*. London: Longman, 1976.29. (Table 1: The place of COHESION in the description of English)



rank	[class]	metafunction → ideational		interpersonal		textual	
		logical	experiential		(structural)	(cohesive)	
clause		complexes (clause-phrase-phrase-group-	INTER-DEPENDENCY (parataxis / hypotaxis) & LOGICAL-SEMANTIC RELATION (expansion / projection)	TRANSITIVITY MINOR TRANSITIVITY TENSE EVENT TYPE; ASPECT (nonfinite) MODIFICATION THING TYPE; CLASSIFICATION MODIFICATION DERIVATION	MOOD MINOR MOOD (adjunct type) FINITENESS PERSON; ATTITUDE COMMENT (adjunct type) (DENOTATION)	THEME CONJUNCTION VOICE; DEICTICITY DETERMINATION CONJUNCTION LEXICAL COHESION	COHESIVE RELATIONS REFERENCE SUBSTITUTION / ELLIPSIS CONJUNCTION LEXICAL COHESION
phrase	[prepositional]						
group	[verbal]						
	[nominal]						
	[adverbial]						
word		word-)					
information unit		information unit complex		ACCENTUATION		KEY	INFORMATION
		complexes		complexes			

Table 1: Function-rank matrix (adapted from: Halliday, M. A. K. (2009) Methods – techniques – problems. In M. A. K. Halliday and J. J. Webster (eds) *Continuum Companion to Systemic Functional Linguistics*, 59–86. London and New York: Continuum)