

Cohesive Devices

Cohesive devices

Cohesive devices are like road signs.

They keep the text **running smoothly**, making it clear **which direction** to follow and how different parts are **linked**.

Some are used to create cohesion **within paragraphs** and some are used to create cohesion **between paragraphs**.

Conjunctions

Adverbials

Determiners and Pronouns

Ellipsis

Repetition



Cohesive devices – Conjunctions



Conjunctions can be used as **cohesive devices**.

Conjunctions link **clauses**.

The **links** create **cohesion** by joining **clauses** and explaining how they are joined.

Conjunctions can give **meaning** to the links, to do with...

time

when
while
since
as
before

place

where
wherever

cause

because
so
for
since

condition

if
unless
even if

contrast

although
though
whereas
while

Cohesive devices – Conjunctions



With **conjunctions**, a text has more **cohesion**.

Whereas a typical school may have 30 children in Year 6 to choose from, Green Vale must select its team from across KS2 in order to have enough players.

The **conjunction** creates **cohesion** by making one sentence. It shows that the first (subordinate) clause gives additional meaning to the second (main) clause.

Cohesive devices - Adverbials



An **adverbial** modifies a **verb** or a **clause**.

Adverbials can be ...answering questions such as,

firstly

a word,

In what order?

on initial inspection

a phrase,

Where?

when playing other teams

or a clause,

When?

How?

Cohesive devices - Adverbials

Adverbials can be used as cohesive devices

***For the last five years**, this village school football team has come top of the Small Schools' League.*

***On initial inspection**, Green Cale's football pitch is unsuitable for practice.*

When?



*These **adverbials** make the 'setting' of the paragraphs clear, right from the start.*

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