

Cohesion Within Paragraphs

<i>Learning Objective</i> <i>To understand the importance of cohesion between paragraphs.</i>	
<i>Success Criteria</i>	<i>Self-Assessment</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To understand what a connecting adverb is.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To spot cohesive devices in given paragraphs.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>To use what you have learnt to create a paragraph showing cohesion between topics.</i>	

Creating Cohesion



When the ideas within paragraphs link well together we say the paragraph has **cohesion**.

You can think of cohesion like glue holding the text together.

What does cohesion do?

- It keeps order in the paragraph.
- Related ideas are kept together.
- It makes it easier for the reader to understand the text.
- Ideas flow more smoothly.
- It provides links between ideas.



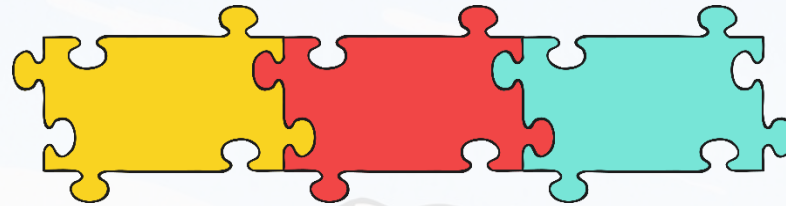
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Connect ideas in **separate sentences** by using connecting adverbs. Connecting adverbs (and adverbial phrases and clauses) maintain the cohesion of a text in several ways, including:

- **emphasis/addition** – furthermore, moreover, also
- **opposition** – however, nevertheless, on the other hand, instead, in contrast, looking at it another way.
- **reinforcing** – besides, anyway, after all
- **explaining** – for example, in other words, that is to say
- **listing** - first of all, finally
- **indicating result** – therefore, consequently, as a result
- **indicating time** – just then, meanwhile, later, after

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Connecting adverbs/adverbials can help to create cohesion within paragraphs.

They join separate sentences together and ensure that ideas flow more smoothly.

They are mobile and can be used in different places in sentences.

Example:

The brown bear looks cuddly. **However**, he is not a friendly animal.

The brown bear looks cuddly. He is not, **however**, a friendly animal.



'However' connects the ideas in the two separate sentences.

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Commas are often used to mark off connecting adverbs/adverbials. Can you spot the connecting adverbs / adverbials in these sentences?

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I was upset. However, I didn't say anything.



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Answers

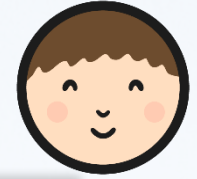
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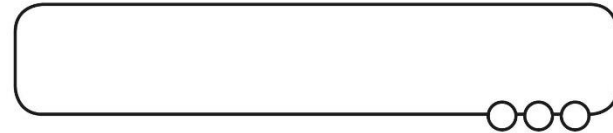


Spot the Cohesive Device



Remember – When the ideas within paragraphs link well together we say the paragraph has cohesion. You can think of cohesion like glue holding the text together. You can connect ideas in separate sentences by using connecting adverbs.

★ ★ Spot the Connecting Adverb



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Read the information and highlight the connecting adverbs / adverbials.

1. Wearing Uniform

Many schools have a rule that children wear school uniform. Some children and parents are quite happy to follow these rules, but others disagree. On one side, wearing school uniform means that nobody looks smarter or more fashionable than anybody else. Also, having to wear a school uniform prevents children from asking for expensive fashionable clothes. Children, however, cannot show that they are individuals if they are all dressed alike. Furthermore, children grow quickly, so wearing a uniform means that they don't get the wear out of their ordinary clothes. In conclusion, there are many reasons both for and against wearing school uniform. It is important, whatever is decided, that every child feels comfortable with what they are wearing.

