



Cohesive Writing

In cohesive writing, the ideas of sentences and paragraphs are connected together at the sentence level in a way that supports the controlling idea of a text. The word “cohesive” comes from a Latin word that means “cleave together.” Cohesion in writing is achieved by the use of different kinds of cohesive devices (also called cohesive ties):

- Pronoun referring back to a previously mentioned noun
- Substituting a synonym for a previously mentioned noun.
- Using transition words and connectors like therefore or because

DIRECTIONS: Read your draft essay. Make notes about where you may need to add a cohesive device.

Are there places in your essay where you could use a pronoun to refer back to a previously mentioned noun?	
Are there places in your essay where you could substitute a synonym for a previously mentioned noun?	
Are there places in your essay where you could use transition words or connectors?	