



The Cohesive Paragraph

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).

DIRECTIONS: Identify how the assigned text uses each cohesive device.

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

Read your paragraph over. Can you improve the cohesion of your paragraph? Rewrite your paragraph below, adding cohesive devices where needed.
