



# Cohesive Devices: Pronouns

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). One kind of cohesive tie is a pronoun that refers back to a previously mentioned noun.

**DIRECTIONS:** Practice using pronouns as a cohesive device by rewriting the second sentence in each pair, replacing the repeated noun with a pronoun.

1. John went to the grocery store. John bought some fruit.
2. Elaine studies very hard. Elaine will certainly get into college.
3. My mother likes to take things easy. My mother has a daily routine that includes relaxation and alone time.
4. That Lego set was very complicated. We spent all day working on that Lego set.
5. My little dog loves rawhide. My little dog spends most of his day chewing.