



Cohesive Devices: Transitions

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 to use transition words and connectors.

DIRECTIONS: Practice using transition words and connectors as a cohesive device by adding a transition word or connector to the second sentence in each pair.

1. Elaine doesn't feel well. She stayed out too late last night.
2. John is very talented. He painted this picture.
3. The weather has been horrible. We've had rain, snow, and ice.
4. George wants a new scooter. He's looking for a job.
5. Kevin likes chocolate everything. Mark prefers vanilla.