



Cohesive Devices: Synonyms

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 substituting a synonym for a previously mentioned noun.

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

1. Joe loves all sports, but he only plays one sport.
2. I have many books, but I haven't read every book.
3. Roasting is the best way to cook most vegetables. For example, some vegetables caramelize when you roast them.
4. Please put away your toys. I just stepped on a toy.
5. We have had the same meal every night. Tonight I would like to have a different meal.