

# **Cohesive Devices**

# Cohesive devices

Cohesive devices are like road signs.

They keep the text **running smoothly**, making it clear **which direction** to follow and how different parts are **linked**.

Some are used to create cohesion **within paragraphs** and some are used to create cohesion **between paragraphs**.

Conjunctions

Adverbials

Determiners and Pronouns

Ellipsis

Repetition



# Cohesive devices – Conjunctions



**Conjunctions** can be used as **cohesive devices**.

**Conjunctions** link **clauses**.

The **links** create **cohesion** by joining **clauses** and explaining how they are joined.

**Conjunctions** can give **meaning** to the links, to do with...

**time**

when  
while  
since  
as  
before

**place**

where  
wherever

**cause**

because  
so  
for  
since

**condition**

if  
unless  
even if

**contrast**

although  
though  
whereas  
while

# Cohesive devices – Conjunctions



With **conjunctions**, a text has more **cohesion**.

**Whereas** a typical school may have 30 children in Year 6 to choose from, Green Vale must select its team from across KS2 in order to have enough players.

The **conjunction** creates **cohesion** by making one sentence. It shows that the first (subordinate) clause gives additional meaning to the second (main) clause.

# Cohesive devices - Adverbials



An **adverbial** modifies a **verb** or a **clause**.

**Adverbials** can be ...answering questions such as,

firstly

a word,

In what order?

on initial inspection

a phrase,

Where?

when playing other teams

or a clause,

When?

How?

# Cohesive devices - Adverbials

Adverbials can be used as cohesive devices

***For the last five years**, this village school football team has come top of the Small Schools' League.*

***On initial inspection**, Green Cale's football pitch is unsuitable for practice.*

When?



*These **adverbials** make the 'setting' of the paragraphs clear, right from the start.*

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