

What is Cohesion and Coherence?

Worksheet

Cohesion uses connectors and pronouns to link sentences; coherence ensures all ideas connect logically with a clear overall meaning and structure.

Questions

1. 'The student studied hard. She passed the exam.' Cohesive device used?
A) Ellipsis
B) Pronoun
C) Connective
D) Repetition
2. Which lacks coherence? 'Dogs bark. I like pizza. The sky is blue.'
A) Grammatically linked
B) Unified theme
C) Logical flow
D) Grammatically correct but no central meaning
3. 'Cities are crowded. Therefore, rent is expensive.' What device?
A) Pronoun
B) Transition word
C) Ellipsis
D) Repetition
4. A paragraph with no topic sentence likely lacks...
A) Cohesion
B) Coherence
C) Both
D) Neither
5. Improve cohesion: 'The book was interesting. Sarah enjoyed reading the book.'
6. Analyze coherence in: 'I like pizza. Elephants are large. My homework is done.'
7. Create a coherent paragraph on climate change.
8. Define: What is cohesion?
9. Define: What is coherence?
10. Define: Give an example of a cohesive device.

Answer Key

1. B) Pronoun — Pronoun 'she' refers back to 'student.'
2. D) Grammatically correct but no central meaning — Sentences don't relate to a central topic.
3. B) Transition word — 'Therefore' connects cause (crowded) to effect (expensive rent).
4. B) Coherence — Missing topic sentence = no clear central idea = poor coherence.
5. Problem: 'book' repeated, awkward Cohesive fix: Use pronoun 'it' Improved: 'The book was interesting. Sarah enjoyed reading it.'
6. Problem: Ideas unrelated, no logical flow, no unified theme No coherence: Sentences don't support a central point Fix: Group related ideas or create a central topic
7. Topic sentence: state main idea Body 1: causes Body 2: effects Body 3: solutions Conclusion: restate theme → logical flow + unified meaning
8. Using pronouns, connectors, and repetition to link sentences grammatically.
9. Ensuring ideas flow logically and connect to a unified central meaning.
10. Pronouns (he, it, this), transitions (however, therefore), repeated keywords.

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