

What Are Cohesive Devices?

Worksheet

Cohesive devices are connectors (linking words, pronouns, and repeated words) that bind sentences and ideas. Examples: however, furthermore, consequently, in addition, on the other hand.

Questions

1. Which cohesive device shows addition?
A) However
B) Furthermore
C) In contrast
D) Despite
2. Fill: 'The plan is costly. _____, it is necessary.'
A) Furthermore
B) However
C) As a result
D) Therefore
3. Which shows cause-effect?
A) On the other hand
B) Consequently
C) Namely
D) For instance
4. Overusing cohesive devices...
A) Improves clarity
B) Sounds natural and strong
C) Can make writing sound robotic
D) Shows expertise
5. Write sentences without cohesive devices, then WITH them.
6. Use linking words to connect a contrast.
7. Chain ideas with additive devices.
8. Define: What are cohesive devices?
9. Define: Name three additive cohesive devices.
10. Define: Name three contrastive cohesive devices.

Answer Key

1. B) Furthermore — Furthermore adds a related idea; however shows contrast.
2. B) However — However shows that cost and necessity are in tension—a contrast.
3. B) Consequently — Consequently shows that one idea leads to another—a causal link.
4. C) Can make writing sound robotic — Balance is key; too many connectors in a row tire readers. Use them purposefully.
5. WITHOUT: 'Remote work saves commute time. It causes isolation. Hybrid models are popular.'
WITH: 'Remote work saves commute time; however, it causes isolation. Furthermore, hybrid models are increasingly popular. Consequently, many companies now offer flexibility.' Notice: however, furthermore, consequently create logical flow.
6. Weak: 'University education is valuable. Trade skills are useful.' Strong: 'University education is valuable. On the other hand, / In contrast, trade skills are equally useful. In fact, plumbers and electricians earn competitive incomes.' Key devices: On the other hand, In contrast, In fact, Nevertheless.
7. Weak: 'Exercise improves health. It reduces stress. It boosts mood.' Strong: 'Exercise improves health. Additionally, it reduces stress. Moreover, it boosts mood. Furthermore, regular activity strengthens social bonds.' Key devices: Additionally, Moreover, Furthermore, In addition, Besides.
8. Words and phrases that connect ideas and sentences smoothly: however, furthermore, in addition, consequently, etc.
9. Furthermore, moreover, in addition, also, besides.
10. However, nevertheless, on the other hand, in contrast, yet.

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