Y6 Cohesion Across Paragraphs

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1. Worked example

Choose an adverbial to link: 'Paragraph 1: Foxes are clever hunters. Paragraph 2: ___, they often scavenge from bins.'

Step 1 · What is the relationship?

Paragraph 2 adds another fact about how foxes feed.

Step 2 · Choose an adding adverbial

In addition

Answer: In addition, they often scavenge from bins.

Check: The adverbial tells the reader how the ideas relate.

2. Now try one with the steps

Use ellipsis: 'Ben has read the book and Aisha has read the book.'

Step 1 · Which words are repeated?

Step 2 · Leave out the second one; keep enough to be clear

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What does 'cohesion' mean in writing?

2. Give an adverbial that shows a contrast.

3. Give an adverbial that shows a result.

4. Give an adverbial to start a final paragraph.

5. What is ellipsis?

6. Which words are left out? 'Jo can skate, but I can't.'

7. Which words are left out? 'Some pupils walk to school; others cycle.'

8. Name the cohesive device: 'It was cold. It was dark. It was silent.'

9. Rewrite with ellipsis: 'Mia ordered pizza and Jack ordered pizza too.'

10. Choose the best adverbial: 'Plastic harms sea life. ___, many shops now charge for bags.' (in contrast / result)

11. Choose the best adverbial: 'Cats are independent. ___, dogs need lots of attention.' (in contrast / therefore)

12. In the passage, which adverbial begins paragraph 2?

13. Why might a writer use a synonym such as 'the dress code' instead of repeating 'uniform'?

14. Write two sentences about the weather that use ellipsis.

4. Before you hand it in

Starting every paragraph with 'Also' or 'Then'.
Choose adverbials that match the relationship: in contrast, result, furthermore.

Using the wrong adverbial: 'Dogs are loyal. As a result, cats are not.'
Dogs are loyal. In contrast, cats can be independent.

Leaving out too much: 'Some went home. Others.'

Some went home. Others stayed.

Confusing the grammar term ellipsis with the punctuation mark (...).

Ellipsis in cohesion = omitted words; the ... mark can show omitted words or a pause.