

## Skills training: Cohesion

It is important to understand how parts of a text relate to each other.

For questions 1–8, choose the word or phrase which best links the two sentences.

- Formal learning wins over informal learning when you have everyone studying a particular subject because rather than having each individual student devising their own course, you have one designer
- 1 doing the research and design, for everyone. (**By contrast / In spite of this / Thus / Furthermore**) rather than being this highly efficient learning machine that we can ignore, informal learning might require just as much of our attention as the formal side of learning.

- It's important that a novel comprises narrative that quickly advances the plot, and dramatic scenes that come to life in dialogue, helping to reveal the characters' interactions before a reader's eyes. (On
- 2 **the other hand / So / By comparison / By the same token**), plot and character must be intrinsically connected, and must motivate and inform each other.

- In an inclusive environment, participants are more likely to volunteer different perspectives and thus enrich discussions. (**Essentially / Conversely / Nevertheless / As a result**), if some participants or
- 3 groups feel that their contributions are not as valued as those of others, they will withdraw from the dialogue.

- Allison concludes that whatever factors are fattening up the animals that live around us might also
- 4 help explain the human obesity epidemic. (**To these ends / At any rate / Otherwise / That being the case**), identifying these alternative factors should give us new ways to fight the bulge.

- It is not yet known how much each factor contributes to obesity. (**Nevertheless / In the same way /**
- 5 **On the contrary / Consequently**), we can suggest ways of avoiding them - and some are far less painful than dieting or pounding the tarmac.

- When face-to-face with obstacles, entrepreneurs do not give up their dreams. (**Still / Be that as it may / Indeed / Moreover**) they find a way to overcome them.
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- Paul has a tendency to be rather facetious, over-bearing and rude. (**Despite / Considering / With /**
- 7 **Except**) for these flaws, I couldn't help falling for him.

- Basing his arguments and analyses on a judicious use of sources, Cory casts new light on this important but neglected aspect of globalization. (**On top of / And yet / Not least among / In**
- 8 **essence**) the merits of his ground-breaking text is the way in which he shows that globalization is far from being the recent development that many people believe it to be.