

Varied Fluency

Step 6: Using Devices to Build Cohesion

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G1.5) [Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition](#)

English Year 4: (4G1.5) [Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition](#)

English Year 5: (5G3.1a) [Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied \(ie omitted\) relative pronoun](#)

English Year 5: (5G5.9) [Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis](#)

Terminology for pupils:

(5G1.5b) [relative pronoun](#)

(5G5.9) [parenthesis](#)

(5G3.1a) [relative clause](#)

(5G5.9) [bracket](#)

(4G1.6a) [adverbial](#)

(5G5.9) [dash](#)

(4G1.5) [pronoun](#)

(5G1.5) [cohesion](#)

(4G1.5a) [possessive pronoun](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and using cohesive devices within paragraphs. Paragraphs to include some use of relative clauses, commas and brackets for parenthesis, and no more than one expanded noun phrase per sentence. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 5 Developing level readers.

Expected Questions to support recognising and using cohesive devices within paragraphs. Paragraphs to include relative clauses, commas, dashes and brackets for parenthesis, and more than one expanded noun phrase per sentence. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 5 Expected level readers.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and using cohesive devices within paragraphs. Paragraphs to include relative clauses, commas, dashes and brackets for parenthesis, and more than one expanded noun phrase per sentence. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 5 Greater Depth level readers.

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Scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef was a dream come true for Ronaldo. Standing on the cruise ship, Ronaldo looked around at the beautiful place he was in. After saving up his money, Ronaldo was here at last.

Ronaldo, who was a skilled scuba diver, was so excited when they got to the diving spot. He joined the rest of the group at the stern of the boat which was rocking. He listened carefully to the instructor.

His instructor Anya (whose hair was bright pink) shared the safety instructions and gave out their equipment. Ronaldo and the other divers got ready and stood at the side of the ship.

The other divers leapt into the water. When it was his turn, he jumped into the warm water and smiled. When he opened his eyes, he couldn't believe what he was seeing.

The first thing he noticed was the amazing colours. Hundreds of interesting fish swam past him. He didn't know how life could get better than this!

1a. True or false?

Paragraph 5 uses parenthesis.



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2a. In which paragraph could a proper noun be replaced with the word 'he'?



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3a. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'Before he jumped in'?



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4a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 1.



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For Maisie's birthday, there was only one place that she wanted to go – Mega Thrillz Theme Park. It was one of the best theme parks in the world.

The Mountain (which was the biggest rollercoaster in the world) was Maisie's favourite ride. Its twisted track made Maisie feel unbelievably excited.

As soon as they got there, Maisie and her friends went straight to The Mountain. After a long wait, they were ready to get on. Jordan – who was Maisie's best friend – jumped into the cart next to her. She looked at him and smiled.

Maisie gripped the safety bar. Slowly, the rollercoaster went over the peak and got into position. It was time for the big drop. This was the moment that she had been waiting for.

The train stopped. The long safety bars, which were keeping them in their seats, flew open. Slipping down, Maisie grabbed onto the sides of her seat.

1b. True or false?

Paragraph 2 uses parenthesis.



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2b. In which paragraph could a proper noun be replaced with the word 'her'?



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3b. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'As the train moved up to the biggest drop'?



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4b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 5.



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Scuba diving at Australia's Great Barrier Reef was a dream come true for Ronaldo. Standing aboard the cruiser, he took a moment to appreciate the extraordinary location that surrounded him. After years of saving, he was finally here.

Ronaldo, who was an experienced scuba diver, was incredibly excited when they reached the diving spot. Ronaldo gathered with the rest of the group at the stern of the boat which was rocking softly. He listened closely and carefully to the instructor.

His instructor Anya – whose hair was the brightest shade of pink he'd ever seen – shared the safety advice and distributed their equipment. Ronaldo and the other divers prepared themselves and stood at the edge of the ship.

The other divers plummeted into the ocean ahead of him. When his turn came round, he plunged into the warm water and grinned. When he opened his eyes, he could hardly believe what he was seeing.

The first thing that struck him was the display of colours. Hundreds of mysterious, fascinating fish with multi-coloured scales swam past him, barely giving him a glance. He wondered how life could ever get better than this.

5a. True or false?

Paragraph 3 uses parenthesis and a relative clause.



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6a. In which paragraph could a proper noun be replaced with the word 'he'?



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7a. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'After Anya gave them the signal'?



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8a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 5.



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For Maisie's tenth birthday, there was only one place where she wanted to celebrate – Mega Thrillz Theme Park. It was one of the most popular theme parks in the world which attracted millions of visitors each year.

The Mountain (which was the biggest rollercoaster on the planet) was her favourite ride of all time. Its impressive, twisted track with the old-fashioned carts brought her so much excitement.

As soon as they arrived, Maisie led her friends straight to The Mountain's queue. After a lengthy wait, they were finally ready to get on. Jordan – who was Maisie's best friend – jumped into the cart beside Maisie. She turned to look at him and they grinned at each other.

As the train chugged up to the highest drop, Maisie gripped more tightly on the safety bar. Slowly, it crawled over the peak and got into position. It was time for the big drop. This was the moment that she had been waiting for.

The train came to a dead stop. The long safety bars, which were the only thing protecting the riders from the 150 metre drop, flew open. Slipping downwards, Maisie held onto the edges of her seat.

5b. True or false?

Paragraph 4 uses a relative clause and parenthesis.



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6b. In which paragraph could a proper noun be replaced with the word 'her'?



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7b. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'Without warning'?



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8b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 2.



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Scuba diving at Australia's famous Great Barrier Reef was a fantasy come true for Ronaldo. Standing aboard the luxury cruiser, he took a moment to appreciate the stunning location that surrounded him. After years of scrimping and saving, he had finally made it here.

As they grew ever closer to the diving spot, Ronaldo, who was a qualified scuba diver, could barely contain his excitement. He assembled with the rest of the group at the stern of the boat which was rocking gently. He listened closely and respectfully to the experienced, friendly instructor with the calm, quiet voice.

His instructor Anya – whose hair was the most striking shade of pink he'd ever seen – reeled off all of the safety advice and distributed their apparatus. Ronaldo and the other divers geared themselves up and stood patiently at the edge of the ship.

One by one, the other divers plummeted into the ocean ahead of him. When his turn finally came round, he plunged into the warm water and beamed. As his eyes adjusted to the light, he could hardly believe what he was seeing.

The very first thing that struck Ronaldo was the incredible, vibrant display of colours. Hundreds of captivating fish with multi-coloured scales zoomed past him, barely giving their visitor a second glance. He pondered how life could ever get better than this.

9a. True or false?

Paragraph 2 uses an adverbial phrase, parenthesis and a relative clause.



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10a. In which paragraph could a proper noun be replaced with the word 'him'?



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11a. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'Before they could even dip a toe into the ocean'?



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12a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 2.



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For Maisie's tenth birthday, there was only one location where she wanted to celebrate – Mega Thrillz Theme Park. Since it was one of the most popular theme parks in the world, it attracted millions of adrenaline junkies.

The Mountain (which was the biggest rollercoaster on the planet) was her favourite ride of all time. Its spectacular, twisted track with the ancient, rickety carts brought her so much excitement.

As soon as they were through the gates, Maisie and her friends headed straight for The Mountain's queue. After a lengthy wait, they were finally ready to get on. Maisie's best friend Jordan – who she had known for most of her life – clambered into the cart beside her. She turned to look at him and Maisie and Jordan grinned at each other.

As the train chugged up to the drop, Maisie gripped more tightly on the thick, silver safety bar with the secure latch. Gradually, it crept over the peak and positioned itself. It was time for the mammoth drop. This was the moment that she had been waiting for.

Without warning, the train came to a dead stop. The essential safety bars, which were the only thing standing between the riders and the 150 metre drop, flung open. Sliding downwards, Maisie desperately clung onto the edges of her seat.

9b. True or false?

Paragraph 3 uses an adverbial phrase, parenthesis and a relative clause.



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10b. In which paragraph could proper nouns be replaced with the word 'they'?



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11b. Which paragraph could start with the adverbial phrase 'Without a doubt'?



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12b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in paragraph 4.



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Developing

- 1a. **False, paragraph 5 does not use parenthesis.**
- 2a. **1**
- 3a. **4**
- 4a. **the beautiful place**

Expected

- 5a. **True**
- 6a. **2**
- 7a. **4**
- 8a. **hundreds of mysterious, fascinating fish with multi-coloured scales**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **True**
- 10a. **5**
- 11a. **3**
- 12a. **the experienced, friendly instructor with the calm, quiet voice**

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Developing

- 1b. **True**
- 2b. **2**
- 3b. **4**
- 4b. **the long safety bars**

Expected

- 5b. **False, paragraph 4 does not use parenthesis.**
- 6b. **3**
- 7b. **5**
- 8b. **its impressive, twisted track with the old-fashioned carts**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **True**
- 10b. **3**
- 11b. **2**
- 12b. **the thick, silver safety bar with the secure latch**