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CHAPTER 2: UNITY AND COHERENCE

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PRACTICE 1

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FEATURES

- **Unity** means that a paragraph discusses only one main idea.
- The main idea is stated in the topic sentence, and **every supporting sentence must directly explain or prove the main idea.**

To write a unified paper might require you to “kill your darlings.”

- “Every writer has had to commit editorial murder of a favorite image, word, phrase, or sentence that simply didn’t fit. ” 

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Method 1:

Repeating key nouns (key term/ synonyms)

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Method 2:

Using consistent pronouns (consistent in Person and Number)

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Method 3:

Use transition signals

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Method 4:

Organize the points logically

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Elements that make for great paragraphs:

- **Unity**
- **Coherence** 📖
 - *Repeating key nouns*
 - *Using consistent pronouns*
 - *Using transition signals*
 - *Arranging ideas in logical order*

Transition signals

- Transition signals ‘**signal**’ relationships between sentences, or between paragraphs.
- They can be a single word (**therefore**) or a phrase (**on the contrary**)
- Different kinds of transition signals:
 - A. Subordinators**
 - B. Coordinators**
 - C. Prepositions**



How do you signal to a reader:

- An example: *for example*
- A similar idea: *similarly*
- An opposite idea: *in contrast*
- A result: *therefore*
- A conclusion: *in conclusion*

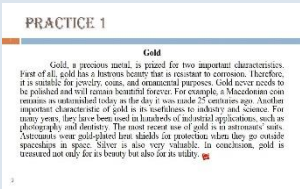

- **Coordinators** combine two or more independent clauses that have equal importance.
 - The report proves that parents have a great influence upon children's language development and the influences are most of the time positive.

- **Subordinators** link a main clause and a dependent or subordinate clause.
 - He plans to find a job in the medical field as soon as he finishes his practicum.


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