

Lesson 1: Reading Comprehension Strategies

Reference

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Substitution

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The indefinite pronoun one stands for “the most obvious point in favor of renewable energy.”

Ellipsis

Is renewable energy cleaner than fossil fuels? Yes, it is./Yes, it is cleaner.

Conjunction

Besides, renewable energy guarantees continual source of energy.

Table 1.1 A list of some common transitional devices. Source: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

Transitional Devices	
<i>To Add</i>	<i>and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, nor, too, next, lastly, what's more, moreover, in addition, first (second, etc.)</i>
<i>To Compare or contrast</i>	<i>whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, but, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast, although this may be true</i>
<i>To Prove</i>	<i>because, for, since, for the same reason, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, that is</i>
<i>To Show Exception</i>	<i>yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes</i>
<i>To Show Time</i>	<i>immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first (second, etc.), next, and then</i>
<i>To Repeat</i>	<i>in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted</i>
<i>To Emphasize</i>	<i>definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, forever, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation</i>
<i>To Show Sequence</i>	<i>first, second, third, and so forth. A, B, C, and so forth. next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence, next, and then, soon</i>
<i>To Give an Example</i>	<i>for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, to illustrate</i>
<i>To Summarize or Conclude</i>	<i>in brief, on the whole, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have shown, as I have said, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently, on the whole</i>

Bioenergy crops could be as bad for biodiversity as climate change

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The study, which involved expertise from Durham University's Department of Biosciences, investigated the potential impacts of future climate and land-use change on vertebrate biodiversity across the planet. The authors argue there is an urgent need to carefully consider biodiversity when expanding bioenergy cropland, for example growing oil palm, maize and rapeseed.

The study, which is published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* today, Monday 10 December 2018, was led by the Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre and the Technical University of Munich, Germany, in collaboration with Durham University. Speaking about the research findings, Professor Stephen Willis, Durham University

Department of Biosciences, said: "We found that the combination of climate change and large-scale expansion of bioenergy crops would together threaten about 36% of the habitats of all global vertebrate species, including many that are already the subject of significant conservation work.

While bioenergy is clearly an important tool for climate change mitigation, the potential impacts on biodiversity must not be ignored. A strong reliance on bioenergy to combat climate change could result in outcomes for biodiversity that are little better than would occur if we didn't implement bioenergy strategies, despite the consequent climate change implications.

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1- The Discourse Mapping Table

Genre / Text Type:

Topic:

Purpose:

Writer's Identity:

2- Reference Tracking

1. "which" (Line ...):
2. "many" (Line ...):
3. "would occur" (Line ...):
4. What does the relative pronoun "that" in line refer to?

3- Linking with Transitions. Using Table 1.1 from the lesson provide alternative words.

1. "For example" (To Give an Example):
2. "While" (To Compare or Contrast):
3. "Despite" (To Show Exception):
4. Find a transitional device with similar meaning to "in spite of" in line

4- Lexical Cohesion

1. Examples of "Bioenergy crops".
2. General category for "Vertebrate species".
3. Find a synonymous expression for the noun "researchers" in line
4. What synonym replaces the noun "results" in line?