

# Identifying cohesive devices to understand the connection between ideas

Master the reading strategy!



## What are cohesive devices?

- also known as linking words
- used to connect words in a sentence, sentences in a paragraph, and paragraphs in the whole passage

## How can they help us understand the passage better?

- by making clear the relationship between different clauses, sentences and paragraphs
- by giving clues about the meanings of unknown words or phrases

## Let's have a closer look!

Identify these words:	They are used for:
and, also, furthermore, too...	Addition <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">A+B</span>
however, although, unless, except...	Qualifying <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">A <u>B</u> C D</span>
hence, therefore, thus, as a result...	Showing the result <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">A → B</span>
first, second, then, next...	Sequencing <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>D<sub>4</sub>...</span>

## Let's practise!

Bullfighting is one of the cruellest and most brutal activities in the world. During the fight, a bullfighter first needs to irritate the bull by stabbing it in its back. He or she will then try to kill the angry bull. The whole process is upsetting as the bull is irritated on purpose to present an 'exciting' show to the audience and is treated as a toy for humans to play with and laugh at. Besides, the scene is bloody and violent. Bulls do not harm humans unless they feel offended or threatened. Yet, humans try to kill them for no other reason except entertainment. Just like humans, bulls are living creatures. Humans should respect and protect them instead of hurting them.

Therefore, I strongly suggest that bullfighting should be stopped and banned forever. Bulls should be freed from human torture and violence.

According to the passage, bulls attack humans only if they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. have no food to eat
- B. want to play
- C. feel excited
- D. feel angry or frightened