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The importance of cohesion and coherence in writing cannot be overstated, as they significantly contribute to the overall quality of written work. Students faced difficulties in achieving cohesion and coherence in their writing. In response to this issue, a research study was conducted to find types of cohesion and coherence devices in students' essay and to identify the difficulties they face in producing cohesive and coherent essay writing. The research used Halliday and Hasan's theory of grammatical and lexical cohesion, as well as Oshima and Hogues' principles for achieving coherence. This study employed a qualitative research method, specifically utilizing content analysis to examine students' essay writing. There were a total 22 students participated in this study. This researcher focused on grammatical cohesion, including reference, substitution, conjunction and ellipsis as well as coherence aspect such as repetition of key noun usage, consistent pronoun, transitional signal and chronological order. Additionally, interviews were conducted with five students to gain insights into their specific challenges. The results reveal that reference, conjunction, and ellipsis are common cohesion devices in students' essays, while coherence aspects include the repetition of key nouns, consistent pronoun usage, and the use of transitional signals. Students often face challenges in avoiding repetition and organizing their ideas coherently in their essays.

ABSTRAK

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Pentingnya koherensi dan kohesi dalam menulis tidak dapat dianggap sepele, karena keduanya secara signifikan berkontribusi pada kualitas keseluruhan karya tertulis. Siswa mengalami kesulitan dalam mencapai kohesi dan koherensi dalam menulis mereka. Menanggapi permasalahan ini, dilakukan penelitian untuk mengetahui tipe perangkat kohesi dan koheren yang digunakan siswa dalam esai serta mengidentifikasi kesulitan yang dihadapi dalam menghasilkan penulisan esai yang kohesif dan koheren. Penelitian ini menggunakan teori kohesi gramatikal dan leksikal dari Halliday dan Hasan, serta prinsip Oshima dan Hogues untuk mencapai koherensi. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode penelitian kualitatif. Peneliti menggunakan analisis konten untuk menganalisis tulisan esai mahasiswa. Sebanyak 22 siswa berpartisipasi dalam penelitian ini. Penelitian ini berfokus pada kohesi gramatikal, termasuk referensi, substitusi, konjungsi, dan elipsis, serta aspek koherensi seperti pengulangan penggunaan kata benda kunci, penggunaan kata ganti yang konsisten, penggunaan sinyal transisi, dan urutan kronologis. Selain itu, wawancara dilakukan dengan lima siswa untuk mendapatkan wawasan mengenai tantangan spesifik yang mereka hadapi. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa perangkat kohesi yang muncul dalam tulisan esai mahasiswa adalah referensi, konjungsi, dan elipsis. Di sisi lain, aspek koherensi yang diterapkan oleh mahasiswa dalam menulis esai adalah pengulangan kata benda kunci, penggunaan kata ganti yang konsisten, dan penggunaan sinyal transisi. Selanjutnya, mahasiswa menghadapi kesulitan dalam menghindari pengulangan dan mengorganisir ide-ide mereka secara koheren dalam esai mereka.

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