



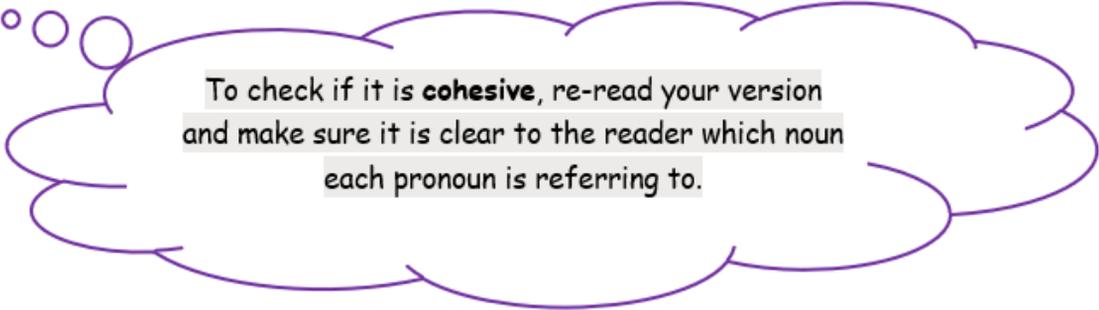
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Neville has written a great paragraph about plants, but he has forgotten to use pronouns in his work, so it is very repetitive! Help him improve his writing by replacing some of the nouns with pronouns to make it more cohesive (flow better.)

From the tiny buttercup to the giant redwood tree, plants come in all shapes, colours and sizes. But plants are not only rich in colour and variety- plants are central to life on Earth. Plants create food for animals to eat and plants produce oxygen for animals to breathe. Plants are essential for keeping us alive. In addition, plants form habitats, such as lush rainforests and shady woodlands so plants provide a place for animals to live. Unfortunately, these habitats are under threat from people. People are removing the habitats to create space for houses and farming.

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You may have placed pronouns in different or other places. As long as it is clear what the pronoun is referring to, you have kept the cohesion of the text.



To check if it is **cohesive**, re-read your version and make sure it is clear to the reader which noun each pronoun is referring to.

IAL: to infer the meaning of words in context

Read this is a information about Caring for a Bearded Dragon. Underline words you don't know.

Bearded dragons are from the lizard species. They are often referred to as 'beardies' and they are one of the most popular lizards in captivity in the UK. Their name comes from the spikey folds of skin around their neck, which inflate and turn black when they are excited or defending themselves.



They originate from the dry scrublands and woodlands of Australia. Therefore in captivity, they need their environment to replicate their natural surroundings in the wild.

**Environment**

Bearded dragons must be kept in a vivarium. This is a large, secure, glass enclosure. A recommended size to accommodate one lizard is a vivarium that is 120cm long and 60cm high. Beardies can grow up to 45cm long and need room to move about and stretch out.

As bearded dragons are **ectothermic**, they use the environment (rather than their own body like us) to regulate their temperature. The vivarium needs a warm end and a cool end so they can adjust their body temperature easily. There must also be a basking zone, which is the warmest part of the vivarium. Here, they like to lie (or bask) on a natural stone near the heat lamp provided. A thermostat must be installed to ensure the temperature does not fall below 22°C at night.

**Diet**

Bearded dragons are omnivores; they eat live insects and plants. They like live food, which should be kept in a well-ventilated container and fed the same plants as the dragon.

Safe Plants	Live Food
watercress rocket cress grated butternut squash dandelions clover plantain leaves	crickets  locusts  calciworms 

**Caution**

They must not be fed spinach as it affects the dragon's ability to absorb calcium into their bodies.

**Social Time?**

Bearded dragons are fiercely territorial. Males live a solitary life and, in the wild, they chase other males off their space. Females can fight if they are in groups - they have been known to bite the toes off other lizards and sometimes kill! Therefore, captive beardies should be kept on their own.

**Signs of a Healthy Lizard**

- clear, bright eyes
- thick base to its tail
- hip bones will not be sticking out
- bright colour after basking

**Signs of Calcium Deficiency**

- muscle twitching
- swollen legs
- fragile bones
- deformed limbs, spine, jaw

On a warm, sunny day, a bearded dragon can be taken outside to feel the benefit of natural sunlight. Make sure shade is available and the reptile must be constantly supervised.

Complete this table for words from the text. Choose three of your own words to finish it.

Word (word type)	What I think it means (your sensible guess)	Clues I have used (e.g. word within a word, context, picture clue, own ideas)	Actual definition (check in a dictionary or ask an adult)
captive (noun)	E.g. kept as a pet	Captive reminds me of capture.	held or confined so as to prevent escape
regulate (verb)	Keep the same.	Sounds like regular.	to bring under the control
territorial (adjective)	not liking other people or animals	Used the context of the sentence and paragraph	defending an area where someone lives against intruders

IAL: to apply my writing skills.

Choose one of the prompts to inspire your writing about this picture.



### a) Story Starter

After all the months of preparation and building excitement the big day had finally arrived. In unison, the balloons all took off into the air, leaving the cheering crowd far below, gasping at the magnificent spectacle.

A difficult journey lay ahead, and surely not all of the balloons would make it, but they had to try - the prize of £1,000,000 for the first crew to make it around the world was a great incentive...

### b) Describe it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ly9vYjcdNEI>

Imagine you are in a basket of one of the hot air balloons. What is it like? Use all your senses to describe the feeling. What does it sound like as it is floating? What can you see? How does it feel when it takes off or lands?

Have you used Year 4 skills in your writing?

This week's spelling words have prefixes that change the meaning of the root word.

illegal	illegible	immature	immortal	impossible
impatient	imperfect	irregular	irrelevant	irresponsible

Follow this link for spelling activities:

[https://www.spellzone.com/word\\_lists/list-4635.htm](https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/list-4635.htm)

Extension: How do these prefixes change the meaning of the root words?

What do you notice about the root words that use the prefix il-?

What about the root words that use the prefix in-, im- or ir-?