

Pronouns and Determiners

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- Eric took a small packed lunch and I brought mine.*
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- It must be a cultural thing, my mum thought.*

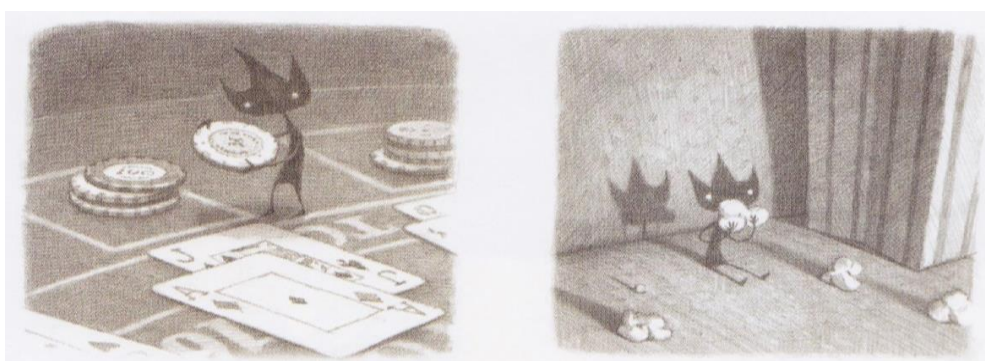
B Explore cohesion using pronouns

Rewrite this extract, replacing the pronouns with nouns. How does it sound when you read it back?

Secretly I had been looking forward to having a foreign visitor - I had so many things to show him. For once I could be a local expert, a fountain of interesting facts and opinions. Fortunately, Eric was very curious, and he always had plenty of questions. However, they weren't the kind of questions I had been expecting. Most of the time I could only say, 'I'm really not sure' or 'That's just how it is!'

C Explore cohesion using determiners

Think of unexpected questions Eric might ask about the objects. Write them, using determiners to specify more about the nouns, e.g. What would happen if I told this disk a secret? Do these snacks enjoy the film?



D Write cohesively, using pronouns and determiners

Imagine you took Eric out for the day. Describe the visit, using pronouns and determiners for cohesion.

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