

Adverbs

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- f) *However, the man eventually appeared in town.*

B Explore cohesion using adverbs

Rewrite or annotate this extract, adding adverbs to create cohesion.

The man appeared in town. This caused a commotion. The people were afraid. He did not mean any harm. He was hungry. The fisherman said that they must help the stranger. The grocer said that they could not feed everyone who came their way. The fisherman suggested that they give the stranger a job. No one would agree to give him work. They agreed to give him scraps from the inn and sent him back to the pen.

C Write cohesively, using adverbs

The Island does not show us the stranger's point of view or allow him to speak. Imagine that you were the stranger. Use your imagination to describe arriving on your raft and first seeing the islanders. Use adverbs to create cohesion, build atmosphere and detail and to give clues to emotions.

Example opening:

Frantically, I struggled to keep the raft afloat. It was breaking up into pieces, fast. I thought wretchedly that my time was up. However, a shape appeared in the distance. It was an island...

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