**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to link ideas using a range of cohesive devices.

Text cohesion relates to how well a piece of writing holds together, with phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs threaded together in a way that makes the text easy for the reader to follow and understand.

**Challenge 1**

**Using words from the four boxes below, complete the information text about the hunting strategies of various shark species. The words will help make it more cohesive by linking phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs.**

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**Conjunctive adverbials**

**Conjunctions**

**Pronouns**

**Synonyms & ‘other’ words**

their

shark species

predators

who

them

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before

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they

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in summary

however

cartilaginous fish

cold-blooded killers

on the other hand

**Sharks – The Perfect Predators**

Many shark species are apex predators. This means that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are at the very top of the food chain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,it’s not just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power and impressive teeth that make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such successful hunters. These \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are a highly intelligent species, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they are able to deploy a wide range of hunting strategies.

Take the Lemon shark for example. \_\_\_\_\_\_ does not waste energy by chasing after its food source.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it waits for faster hunters, such as the golden trevally, to scare fish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cruising in to pick off any panicked stragglers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, great whites (the world’s largest predatory fish) can put on impressive bursts of speed during hunting. In their explosive attacks, they can often attain speeds of 5-30mph.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, some other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ employ more unusual hunting methods. With a carefully controlled flick of their elongated tails, thresher sharks stun their prey, returning to feast on any unconscious fish.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , with their flexible cartilage skeletons, noses bristling with sense organs, intelligent brains and bodies that have changed little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the time of the dinosaurs, sharks are a swimming showcase of the perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Challenge 2
Use your knowledge of cohesive devices to write your own formal letter to the UK government, calling for their support in helping to protect shark species around the world.**