

Cohesion Patrol Answer Key

Illogical sentence: **The tall pine trees in the mountains can reach up to two hundred feet high.**

Reason: It shifts from discussing preparation and safety to an unrelated fact about tree height.

Sample improved paragraph: Camping in the mountains teaches people how to prepare for different types of weather. Many hikers learn to pack layers of clothing, sturdy boots, and emergency supplies. With the right preparation, campers can stay safe, comfortable, and confident on long trips.

Teacher's Guide

- Discuss with students what makes a paragraph cohesive: **related ideas**, **clear focus**, and **smooth connections**.
- Model how to spot off-topic sentences by identifying the main idea first.
- Provide color coding for learners who benefit from visual support.
- Encourage struggling writers to choose from a teacher-provided list of replacement sentences.
- Challenge advanced students to create a new paragraph containing one off-topic sentence and exchange with a partner for correction.