Original:

The ancient Egyptians were masters of preserving dead people's bodies by making mummies of them. Mummies several thousand years old have been discovered nearly intact. The skin, hair, teeth, fingernails and toenails, and facial features of the mummies were evident. It is possible to diagnose the disease they suffered in life, such as smallpox, arthritis, and nutritional deficiencies. The process was remarkably effective. Sometimes apparent were the fatal afflictions of the dead people: a middle-aged king died from a blow on the head, and polio killed a child king. Mummification consisted of removing the internal organs, applying natural preservatives inside and out, and then wrapping the body in layers of bandages.

Below is the same paragraph revised for coherence. *Italics* indicates pronouns and repeated/restated key words, *bold* indicates transitional tag-words, and *underlining* indicates parallel structures.

The ancient Egyptians were masters of preserving dead people's bodies by *making mummies* of them. *In short*, *mummification* consisted of removing the internal organs, applying natural preservatives inside and out, and then wrapping the body in layers of bandages. *And the process* was remarkably effective. *Indeed*, *mummies* several thousand years old have been discovered nearly intact. *Their* skin, hair, teeth, fingernails and toenails, and facial features *are still evident*. *Their* diseases in life, such as smallpox, arthritis, and nutritional deficiencies, *are still diagnosable*. *Even* *their* fatal afflictions are *still apparent*: a middle-aged king died from a blow on the head; a child king died from polio.

**Cohesive devices:**

1) Pronoun reference
2) Parallels structures – same syntax, e.g. are still XXX
3) Lexical Devices
   a. Exact repetition
   b. Synonymy:
   c. Morphological iterations, e.g. symbol, symbolic, symbolize

How to check for: Read paragraph out loud, then read backwards a sentence at a time.

Nb: Not a word at a time or you’ll sound like Yoda: *Hard to see the dark side is. Discover who the assassin is, we must. Tested he will be. See through you, we can.* The Phantom Menace