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The purpose of this study is to examine cohesion in Surat Thani dialect by using five types of discourse: narrative, procedural, behavioral, expository and conversational discourse.

The six types of cohesive devices in Surat Thani dialect are reference, repetition, substitution, ellipsis, lexical items-vocabulary and conjunction cohesion.

Three types of reference found are pronominal, demonstrative and comparative. Three types of pronominal reference are found: personal pronouns, nouns used as pronouns such as kinship terms, occupation terms, title terms and personal name terms, and zero. Two types of demonstrative reference are found: demonstrative pronoun and demonstrative adjective.

Three types of repetition are found : nominal repetition, verbal repetition and conjunction repetition.

One type of substitution is demonstrative substitution.

Three types of ellipsis are found, i.e., nominal, verbal and sentences ellipsis.

Three types of lexical items-vocabulary cohesion are found : near synonyms, hyponyms and relation lexical items which are related forms in language and in semantics.

Three types of conjunction cohesion are relation, function and expression of conjunction. Fourteen types of relation conjunction are found, i.e., concessive relation, contrastive relation, conditional relation, causal relation, relation of result, additive relation, reformulatory relation, transitional relation, alternative relation, exemplificatory relation, temporal relation, relation of a starting point, relation of a point come to an end, relation of word depiction. There are five types of function of conjunction: nouns and nouns, verbs and nouns, sentences and sentences, nouns and clauses, verbs and clauses. There are four types of expression of conjunction, i.e., initial, initial and medial, medial and final position.