

Exercise 4

Read the information. Then choose the correct words to complete the sentences from the Reading passage.

As well as words and phrases like *therefore* or *in addition*, writers use reference words like *it*, *there*, *this* or *these* to avoid repeating a word or an idea. Sometimes, these words are used to avoid repeating several ideas. They usually refer backwards to something which has already been mentioned in the passage. This might be in the same sentence or an earlier sentence.

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1. Greece is an ideal location for cultivating olive trees, and indeed olives have been an integral part of life _____ for thousands of years.
2. For instance, nets are laid under each olive tree during the winter months. The grass and weeds on the ground beneath each _____ are cleared by hand.
3. By April, the olives drop naturally into the nets, where _____ wait to be collected.
4. They are then loaded into sacks, and transported long distances over mountainous terrain. Because of _____, donkeys are often used.
5. One benefit of using _____ methods to harvest olives, even though machines are available, is that the fruit is not bruised.
6. One problem affecting these trees is the olive fly. This creature thrives in cool and wet summers, and, in large numbers, _____ can consume vast quantities of olives.