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Koushite may be analyzed as a sentence component that modifies the manner of the verb following it, or as a conjunction equivalent. In this paper I regard *koushite* in the latter meaning, as an expression that organizes discourse and brings it to an end. I describe its meaning and usage using examples of written discourse. The analysis indicates that *koushite* can be divided into two types; firstly the cause-result type in which *koushite* leads an event containing a process to the result, and secondly the result-interpretation type in which *koushite* presents an interpretation of the result of an event containing a process. Furthermore, I point out two features of *koushite* which make it suitable to organize discourse and bring it to an end: 1) *Koushite* organizes not only events but comments about these events as well. 2) *Koushite* removes the possibility that tension and surprise may occur and suggests the discourse to go to an end.

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