

Writing a Conclusion

The purpose of the CONCLUSION is to:

- Tell readers that this is the end of your essay
- Remind readers of your main points (summarize)
- Leave the reader with your final thoughts

Part 1: Tell readers that this is the end of your essay.

Read this conclusion. What phrase tells you this is the end of the essay? Underline it.

In conclusion, Mr. Park had several qualities of a great teacher. He knew a lot about his subject, and he made his students care about the course. In addition, his lectures were well organized and he returned papers promptly. His classes were interesting and fun. Mr. Park taught us more than just history, he taught us to love learning.

Part 2: Remind readers of your main points (summarize)

Read the conclusion again. Underline the sentences that *summarize* the qualities of Mr. Park.

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Part 3: A final comment

What does the writer think about Mr. Park? Underline the sentence that tells you her final thoughts.

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The first part of the conclusion summarizes the main points or **repeats the thesis in different words**.

In the second part, you may add a final comment. This is a good place to give your opinion, make a judgement, or make a recommendation. However, **DO NOT ADD ANY NEW IDEAS TO YOUR CONCLUSION**. Just comment on what you already discussed.

Part 3: Write your own conclusion

Below you will find the first 2 paragraphs of a 3 paragraph essay. This includes the **introduction** and **body paragraph**.

YOU will write the conclusion to this essay. Your conclusion should be at least 5 sentences long. Start your conclusion with a phrase that tells the reader it is the end of the essay.

Phrases for ending an essay:

In conclusion,

In summary,

In short,

In the end,

My Experience Coming to a New Country

What is the hardest thing you have done in your life? For me, it was moving from my small village in China to a big city in the United States. Before I arrived in California, I had never left my country. Everything in the US was new to me. It was a scary experience, but it helped me gain an important skill.

One of the biggest challenges I faced was learning to speak English. I took English classes in China. However, I never had to use English outside the classroom so I didn't have much practice speaking it. In my first few years in the US, I was speaking English all the time. It was hard, and many times people didn't understand me. Now, I have a job working as a hospital translator. I love my job, and I got it because I can speak both English and Mandarin.
