

How to Write a Conclusion

Conclusions can seem tricky to write, after all, they are the final word in your essay. You want to wrap everything up, but you also do not want to be redundant. You also need to make sure your point is known and leaves the reader with a good understanding of what you wanted to say. However, a good conclusion should also leave the reader with a desire to seek out more information. That is a lot of work for a single paragraph!

There are several things you can do to make sure your conclusion is effective:

- ✓ Use something interesting to hold your reader's attention, much like an anecdote that you would use for an introduction. If possible, why not revisit the anecdote that you started in your introduction?
- ✓ Restate your thesis so that your point is re-emphasized. However, be careful not to use the exact same wording as your thesis statement. You'll need to find a way to cover the information you established, but make it different enough.
- ✓ Find a new way to discuss the main points of your paper. This is where most people would begin to sound redundant, but you don't have to. Get creative and think of your points in a new and interesting way.
- ✓ Try to bring your point home to the reader. Find a way for them to apply it to their own lives. The more they can personalize with your point, the more likely they are to agree with you.
- ✓ Make sure you do not introduce any new ideas. You don't want to confuse your reader. If there's something you really need to say, say it in your paper.
- ✓ Something easy to do is to re-write your introduction. Don't do this. Your reader has already been through that, they need to see something new.
- ✓ Avoid the cliché phrases when you begin your conclusion. "In conclusion" and "In this paper" are ineffective and boring and will not give your conclusion the strength it needs to be efficient. Find a new and creative way to begin your conclusion.

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Once you have considered the main points in your paper, found a new way to discuss them, and wrapped up your idea, you're done! You should have a very successful conclusion and paper.

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Practice Writing Conclusions

List your main points on the first line and how you described them originally. On the second line, re-write your point in a new way. Do the same for your thesis statement. Finally, write your finished conclusion in the lines provided at the bottom of this page.

Original Thesis:

Revised Thesis:

Point One:

Revised Point One:

Point Two:

Revised Point Two:

Point Three:



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Revised Point Three:
