

## Concluding Paragraph

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**The conclusion is your last chance to make your point clear.**

The concluding paragraph consists of:

- A summary of the main points, or a restatement of your thesis in different words;
- Your final comment on the subject, based on the information you have provided.

The concluding paragraph should be introduced with a conclusion transition signal:

**in conclusion, in summary, in brief, in short, indeed**

Here are some basic principles you should follow to write an effective conclusion:

1. *The conclusion should follow logically from the body of the essay.*
2. *The conclusion must summarize the whole essay, not just one or two major points.*
3. *The conclusion should not raise any new points but must be related to the thesis statement or body of the essay.*

You can use different devices to make your final comment more interesting. Some of them are:

- emphasize the result of the ideas in the essay;
- offer a solution to the problems stated in the essay;
- predict a situation that will result or occur from the ideas introduced in the essay;
- make a recommendation concerning material presented in the essay.