

# Conclusion Paragraphs

Your conclusion paragraph should logically conclude your essay, just like your conclusion sentences logically conclude your body paragraphs. The conclusion paragraph should begin by restating your thesis, and then you should broaden back out to a general topic. End with a closing statement.

## Restate your thesis

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The first sentence of your concluding paragraph should restate your thesis.

### **Example: Restated thesis**

Thesis: Some of the most impactful inventions of the nineteenth century that changed the way we live were the telephone, the bicycle, and plastic.

Restated Thesis: It is obvious that these three nineteenth-century inventions dramatically changed our lifestyles.

The thesis changed by implying the main points, instead of stating them directly. Even though the words were changed, the overall meaning did not change. Other ways to restate a thesis include reversing the order of the clauses or using different word forms (e.g., adjective to noun: essential>the importance).

## Apply your thesis to general contexts

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Connect your thesis back to the general topics you mentioned in your introduction.

## Give a closing statement

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Your concluding statement is very similar to the concluding sentence of a body paragraph except that you will not restate your main idea at the very end of your paper. Your closing statement can be a prediction, suggestion, or opinion.

## Exercises

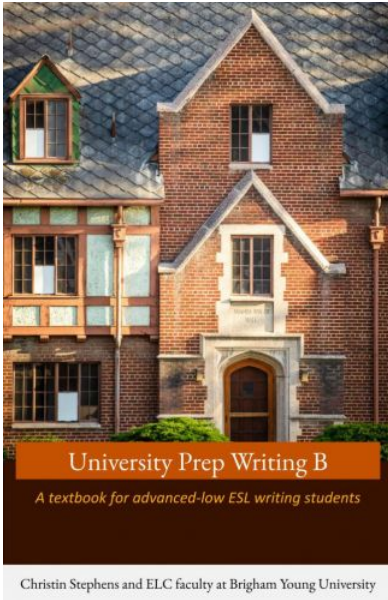
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### Exercise 1: Concluding Paragraph Analysis

*Read the example student's concluding paragraph. Does the paragraph appropriately restate the thesis? Does the author apply the main idea to general topics? Does the writer include a closing statement? Do you think this is effective as a concluding paragraph? Why or why not?*

In conclusion, students are benefited in schools that teach a foreign language because they are not only better prepared for the future opportunities but also they develop skills. And for those reasons I do believe government officials should encourage more this practice in private and public schools.

*Here is the essay's thesis statement: Schools need to teach different languages because it helps the youth to be better prepare for the future, having more opportunities and developing their skills.*



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