

Concluding Sentences

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A Concluding Sentence

In Week 3, you learned about topic sentences and in Week 4, you wrote a topic sentence for both your practice paragraph and for your written test. Now we will look at **concluding sentences**. For this course, the last sentence of each paragraph should be a concluding sentence. A concluding sentence ends the paragraph smoothly. Later in your college career, you will learn how to expand concluding sentences into longer pieces of writing, but for now we will conclude each paragraph with one concluding sentence.

Types of Concluding Sentences

Your concluding sentence should end your paragraph smoothly. Your concluding sentence is also a place where you can do something creative or express your own point of view. Below is a list of some of the things that you can do in the concluding sentence of your paragraph.

- Give advice.
- Write about the future. (Offer hope or make a prediction.)
- Give an opinion.
- Write about your feelings.
- Repeat the main idea in different words.
- Repeat the supporting ideas (summary).

Signal Words

When you write your concluding sentence, you may want to use signal words to show your reader that you are ending your paragraph, but you do not have to use signal words. Your options are below:

- no signal word
- *In conclusion,*
- *In summary,* (for summary)
- *In short,* (for summary)
- *To summarize* (for summary)
- *In my opinion,* (for opinion)

Note: Use *finally* for the a last supporting point, not for the conclusion.