ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Writing conclusions

Difficulty level: Intermediate

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you end a piece of writing by restating its main point and leaving a final thought, like wrapping up an essay, without adding new arguments at the end. A conclusion gathers up what you have already said, and reminds the reader of the point you argued for. It does not bring in new evidence or a new claim, because the reader has nowhere left to see them answered. A good ending leaves the reader with the main idea clear in their mind, and a final thought to take away.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Write a conclusion for an essay arguing that school should start later.

SOLUTION

Restate the thesis in new words: schools should begin later in the day.

Summarize the key points: better sleep, better focus, better results.

End with a final thought: a later start is a simple change with real benefits.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Write a conclusion for an essay about why reading matters.

SOLUTION

Restate the thesis in new words: reading is one of the best ways to learn.

Summarize the key points: vocabulary, knowledge, focus.

End with a final thought: every book opened is a step toward learning more.

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Practice questions

1

Pick the better conclusion for an essay arguing that exercise is healthy. Thesis: exercise benefits health. Key points: a stronger heart, better sleep, and a better mood.

A In short, exercise benefits health.

B In short, exercise is one of the best habits for health. It strengthens the heart, improves sleep, and lifts mood. A small amount of daily exercise brings real benefits for life.

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Pick the better final thought for an essay about recycling.

A Small recycling habits today protect the planet for tomorrow.

B Recycling bins are usually blue.

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3 **Pick the better conclusion for an essay explaining why libraries matter. Thesis: libraries serve the whole community. Key points: books to borrow, quiet study rooms, and help from staff.**

- **A** Clearly, libraries serve the whole community.
- **B** Clearly, libraries serve the whole community. They lend books, offer quiet study rooms, and give help from staff. A library is a resource every town should keep.

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4 **This ending adds a new argument: Schools should also ban junk food. Write a final thought for an essay about healthy food that adds nothing new.**

- **A** Schools should also make students run every morning.
- **B** Choosing healthy food today builds a stronger tomorrow.

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Pick the better conclusion for an essay arguing that homework should be shorter. Thesis: shorter homework is better for students. Key points: time for rest, time with family, and focused practice.

A. In short, shorter homework is better for students.

B. In short, shorter homework is better for students. It leaves time for rest and family, and short focused tasks still give practice. Less homework, done well, helps students learn more.

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Pick the better final thought for an essay about friendship.

A. True friendship is worth keeping for a lifetime.

B. Friends can live in other countries.

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Pick the better conclusion for an essay explaining why saving money is wise. Thesis: saving money prepares you for the future. Key points: money for emergencies, money for larger goals, and peace of mind.

A Clearly, saving money prepares you for the future.

B Clearly, saving money prepares you for the future. It gives money for emergencies and larger goals, and peace of mind. A small amount saved often grows into real security.

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Write a final thought for an essay about bees. (one sentence, no new argument)

A Without bees, our food and flowers would suffer greatly.

B Bees should be kept in every garden by law.

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Pick the better conclusion for an essay explaining why bees matter. Thesis: bees are important to plants and people. Key points: pollination, honey, and food crops.

A. In short, bees are important to plants and people.

B. In short, bees are important to plants and people. They pollinate flowers, make honey, and help food crops grow. Protecting bees protects the food on our tables.

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10 **Pick the better conclusion for an essay arguing that growing vegetables at home is worthwhile. Thesis: growing vegetables at home is worthwhile. Key points: fresh food, saving money, and time outdoors.**

A In short, growing vegetables at home is worthwhile.

B In short, growing vegetables at home is worthwhile. It gives fresh food, saves money, and gives time outdoors. A small garden can feed a family well.

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ANSWER KEY

1. In short, exercise is one of the best habits for health. It strengthens the heart, improves sleep, and lifts mood. A small amount of daily exercise brings real benefits for life.

2. Small recycling habits today protect the planet for tomorrow.

3. Clearly, libraries serve the whole community. They lend books, offer quiet study rooms, and give help from staff. A library is a resource every town should keep.

4. Choosing healthy food today builds a stronger tomorrow.

5. In short, shorter homework is better for students. It leaves time

6. True friendship is worth keeping for a lifetime.

7. Clearly, saving money prepares you for the future. It gives money for emergencies and larger goals, and peace of mind. A small amount saved often grows into real security.

8. Without bees, our food and flowers would suffer greatly.

9. In short, bees are important to plants and people. They pollinate flowers, make honey, and help food crops grow. Protecting bees protects the food on our tables.

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