



Conclusion Paragraph



Functions of Conclusion

- It provides the sense of closure to reader
- Restates the main idea
- Summarizes what you have written
- Tells what each paragraph was about
- Leaves reader to think further
- Or ask reader to do some task
- Does not introduce any new idea



Structure of the Conclusion

- **Opening sentence**

- Rephrasing the thesis statement

- **Supporting Sentences**

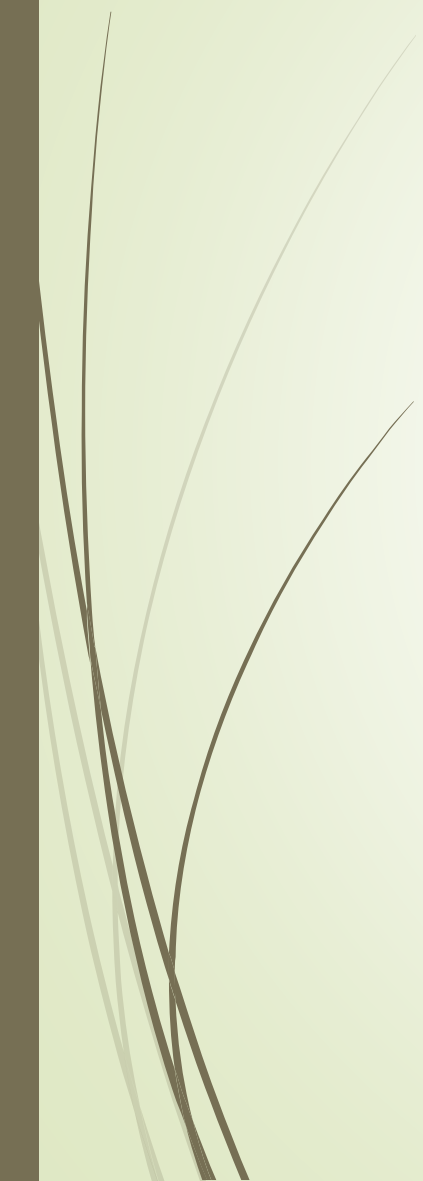
- Summarize or wrap up the main points in the body of the essay
 - Explain how ideas fit together

- **Closing Sentence**

- Final words
 - Connects back to the introduction
 - Provides a sense of closure



Ways to Conclude an Essay

1. End with a final point
 2. End with a question
 3. End with a prediction or recommendation
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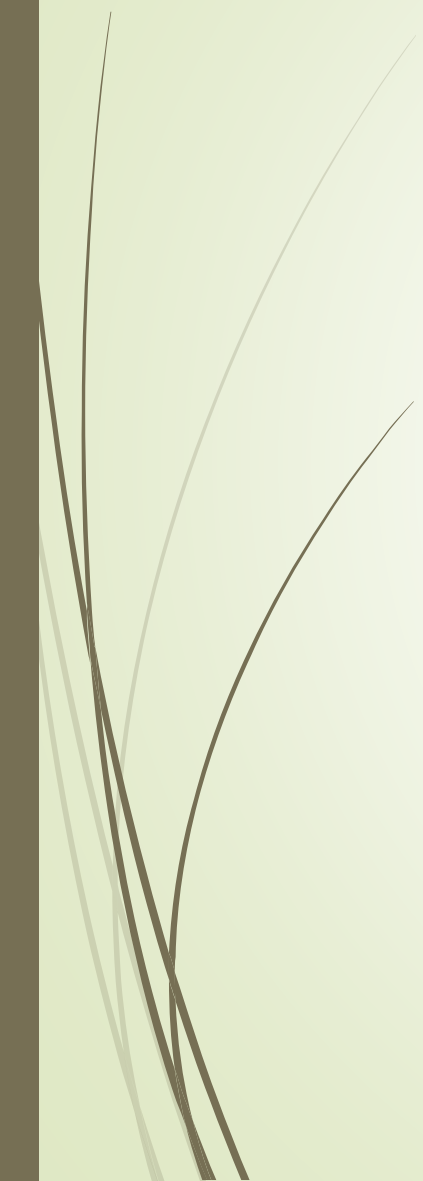


End with a Final Point


Make a point that follows from the ideas or experiences discussed in your essay. Some writers also summarize their main ideas, however, don't use the exact wording you used before.



Example



Online shopping at home, then, has several advantages. Such shopping is convenient, saves you money, and saves you time. It is not surprising that growing numbers of people are doing the majority of their shopping on the Internet, for everything from turnip seeds to televisions.



End with a Question

A question grabs the reader's attention. It is a direct appeal to your reader to think further about what you have written. A question should follow logically from the points you have already made in the paper. A question must deal with one of these areas:

1. Why the subject of your paper is important
2. What might happen in the future
3. What should be done about this subject
4. Which choice should be made




Example

What, then, will happen when most of the population will be over sixty years old? Retirement policies could change dramatically, with the age-sixty-five testimonial dinner and gold watch postponed for five or ten years. Even television would change as the Red Bull generation replaces the Pepsi generation. Glamorous gray-haired models would sell everything from toilet paper to televisions. New soap operas and situation comedies would reveal the secrets of the “sunset years.” It will be a different world indeed when the young find themselves outnumbered.

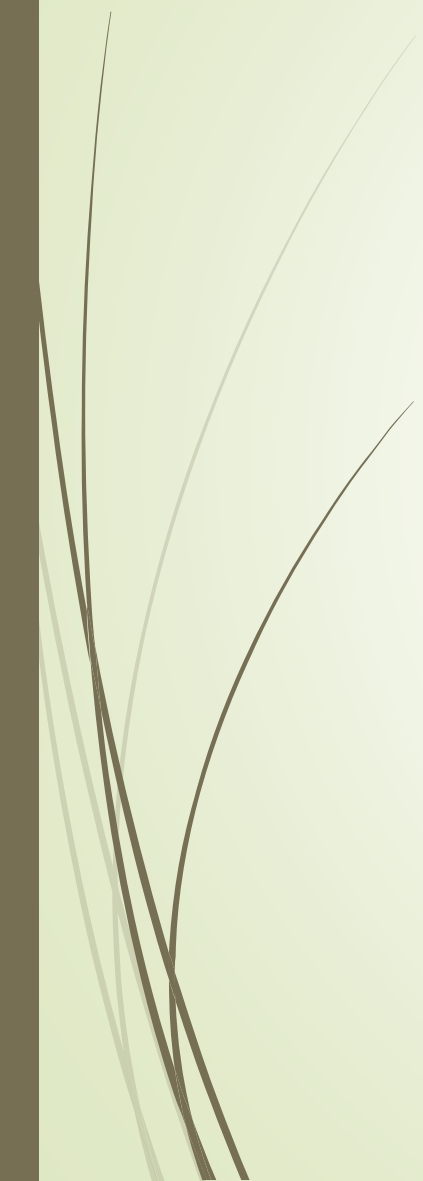


End with a Prediction or Recommendation

Like questions, predictions and recommendations also involve your readers. A prediction states what may happen in the future and a recommendation suggests what should be done about a situation or problem.



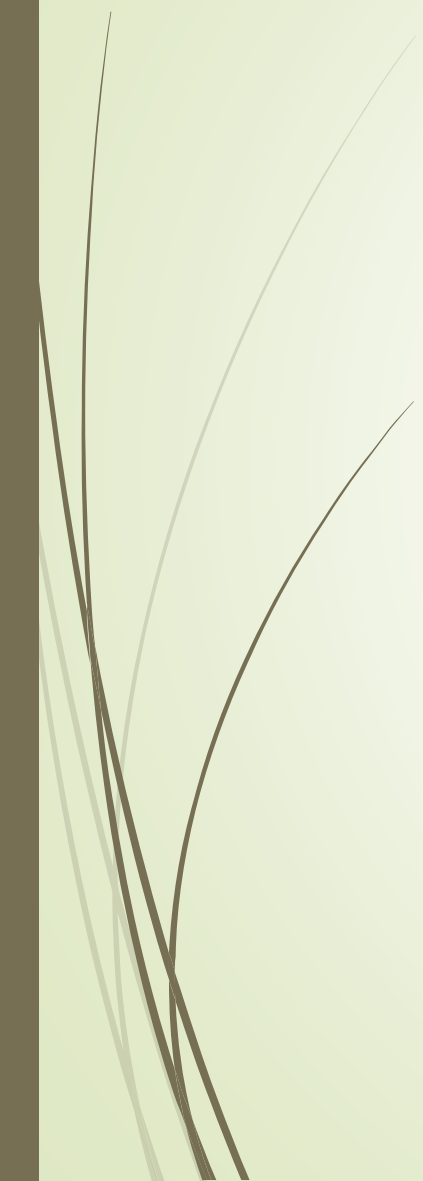
Example: Prediction



If people stopped to think before acquiring pets, there would be fewer instances of cruelty to animals. Many times, it is the people who adopt pets without considering the expense and responsibility involved who mistreat and neglect their animals. Pets are living creatures. They do not deserve to be treated as carelessly as one would treat a stuffed toy.



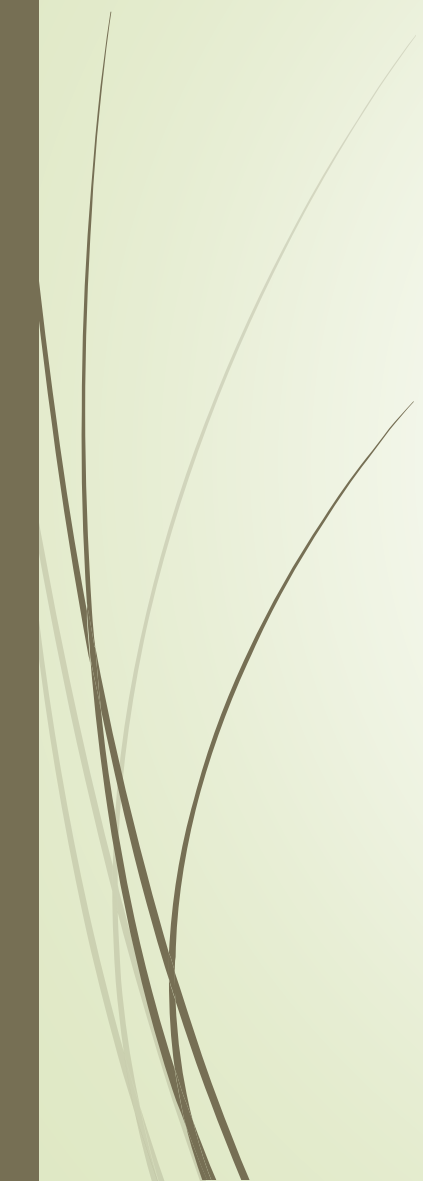
Example: Recommendation



Stereotypes such as the ditzy blonde, harried executive, and annoying in-law are insulting enough to begin with. In magazine ads or television commercials, they become even more insulting. Now these unfortunate characters are not just being laughed at; they are being turned into hucksters to sell products to an unsuspecting public. Consumers should boycott companies whose advertising continues to use such stereotypes.



Things to Avoid in Conclusion

- New Information
 - Personal Opinion
 - Lots of Details
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Activity

1. Disappointments are unwelcome, but regular, visitors in everyone's life. We can feel depressed about them, or we can try to escape from them. The best thing, though, is to accept a disappointment and then try to use it somehow: step over the unwelcome visitor and then get on with life.
2. Holidays, it is clear, are often not the fulfilling experience they are supposed to be. They can, in fact, be very stressful. But would we rather have a holiday-free calendar?
3. Some people dream of starring roles, their names in lights, and their pictures on the cover of People magazine. I'm not one of them, though. A famous person gives up private life, feels pressured all the time, and is never completely safe. So let someone else have that cover story. I'd rather lead an ordinary, but calm, life than a stress-filled one.