

Revising an essay conclusion

Thesis statement:

Learning to read music, sing, and play an instrument encourages you to entertain friends and family, improves your ability to focus on a task, and provides a relief from the hectic day-to-day responsibilities.

First draft

Oops, thesis statement needs to be restated

Learning to read music, sing, and play an instrument encourages you to entertain friends and family, improves your ability to focus on a task, and provides a relief from the hectic day-to-day responsibilities. Of course, learning music is not a very a physically active skill, and we know that we all need exercise. Remember to build in breaks for physical activity when you are practicing your music.

Introduces unrelated ideas - doesn't support ideas in thesis statement

Doesn't contain a final thought - ending not strong enough

Revised draft

The conclusion restates the thesis statement using the same idea, but different words.

A sentence elaborating on the thesis statement replaces the unrelated ideas.

When you dedicate the time and energy it takes to study music, you enrich your life in many ways—including developing your skills as a performer, your concentration, and your ability to relax when life gets too busy. **The commitment you will make** to attend class, practice, and perform will be well worth your time. **Remember that the music you make is a gift, not only for yourself, but** fellow musicians and listeners of all ages.

The conclusion ends with a final thought in the form of a personal opinion. It emphasizes the point you are trying to make.