



# Functional English

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# WEEK # 10

## Writing Process: The Conclusion Paragraph

# THE CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

- ▶ Do not feel you are near the end, and the task is over.
- ▶ Use your conclusion to drive your central idea home one final time.
- ▶ Make sure your conclusion has the same energy as the rest of the essay.
- ▶ Bring the reader back to the place they started from.
- ▶ Refer back to your motivator.



## ▶ A conclusion should

- ▶ Not contain any new idea.
- ▶ Begin with a conclusion connector.
- ▶ Restate thesis statement in different words.
- ▶ Restate all main ideas in a very brief manner.
- ▶ End on an interesting note.

## Interesting note could be:

- ▶ A recommendation or suggestion about the topic.
- ▶ A prediction about the future development of the topic.
- ▶ A solution to the problems discussed in the essay.
- ▶ Questions motivating the readers to think further about the topic, or tempting him to read more on it, etc.



# EXERCISE:

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Read the given thesis statement, its supporting topic sentences, and a conclusion to determine if the conclusion is appropriate or not. For inappropriate conclusions, give reasons and revise them.

**Thesis Statement:** Communicating in a foreign language can create some embarrassing misunderstandings.

### **Topic Sentences:**

- ▶ Mispronouncing words can lead to real embarrassment.
- ▶ Misunderstanding what someone says to you can create amusing problems.
- ▶ Misusing words can really make you blush.

### **Conclusion:**

“Everyone who speaks a foreign language is bound to have some misunderstandings from time to time. What you need to do is go to the laboratory as often as you can to improve your language skills. The people there are very friendly, and they will help you with your grammar and pronunciation.”

**Thesis Statement:** Television commercials are entertaining.

**Topic Sentences:**

- ▶ The Coca-Cola commercial is a good example of an entertaining commercial.
- ▶ The Chevrolet commercial is as good as any situation comedy.
- ▶ The Fritos commercial is particularly amusing.

**Conclusion:**

If you do not have a television, you are certainly missing out on the fun of commercials. There are also many entertaining programmes to watch. In addition, the news programmes will keep you informed about the world. Indeed, everyone should have a television set.



**Thesis Statement:** My reason for coming up to State University centres around the services it provides.

**Topic Sentences:**

- ▶ State University offers a superior programme in the course of my choice.
- ▶ In addition, the university has high-quality academic resources.
- ▶ State also offers quality student services.
- ▶ The recreational activities make State even better.

**Conclusion:**

The challenge of a diversified and excellent programme, the academic resources, the student services, the recreational activities, and the low tuition fees together provide the reasons I decided to come to State University. I really think I made a wise decision. If you are looking for a quality education at a reasonable price, then consider state as a place to enroll.

**Thesis Statement:** In order to make a good impression at a job interview, you should prepare well for the interview.

### **Topic Sentences:**

- ▶ The first thing you should do is plan your answers to the questions the interviewer might ask.
- ▶ Then you should carefully plan what you are going to wear.
- ▶ Finally, you should make sure that you arrive on time.

### **Conclusion:**

As you can see, it is necessary to be well prepared for the job interview. Having the answers ready, dressing appropriately, and being on time could all help to make a good impression on the interviewer. If you follow these steps, you will find yourself sitting behind a desk with that coveted job in no time at all.



**Let's Practice**



# PAIR ACTIVITY

The given essay, LEARNING ABOUT PAST IS FRUITFUL, do not have an introduction, and a conclusion paragraph. Read it and write the missing paragraphs.



## TIP:

- ▶ First find out the main ideas of the 3 body paragraphs.
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Thank you 😊

