

# English Academic Writing: Unit 6 Research Conclusion

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## Unit Six Research Conclusion

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### II. Sample Reading

Conclusion should be the best part of your paper which normally serves the following **functions**. The first is to **summarize** and bring together the main areas covered in the writing. Summarizing is more than retelling; it involves analyzing information, distinguishing important from unimportant elements. The second is to analyze and **evaluate** your main points for readers. Strive for answers to questions that readers logically raise. Show your readers why this research is important. In addition, you have to point out the general **implications** and possible **limitations** of your research in conclusion. Finally, your conclusion may also include making **recommadations** for improvement and speculating on future directions. Looking to the future can emphasize the importance of your paper or redirect readers' thought process. It may help them see things more globally. It manifests the value of your research as well as your understanding of the material that you have presented.

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## 2. What verb tenses are mainly used in this conclusion section? Which voice is predominant in this section, the active voice or the passive voice?

When describing actions or situations that happened in the past, or expressing actions that follow each other, the simple **past tense** is normally used. A majority of verbs in summary and limitation sections are in the past. The simple **present tense** is more common in implication and recommendation sections. Other forms can also be used if there is a good reason for doing so. Active voice means that if the subject of a sentence performs the action, the verb used to express this meaning is active. If the subject receives the action of the verb, the verb is passive. Passive voice is normally used if the agent is arbitrary, or not known, and sometimes "by..." is omitted. In this reading passage, **the passive structure is predominant**.

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### III. Language Focus

#### A. Summarizing

There are three ways to include source material in academic writing: summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting. Each of these strategies capitalizes on different types of information that can be useful. To summarize is to bring out in your own words a shortened version of written or spoken material, stating the main points and leaving out anything that is not essential. Summarizing is more than retelling; it involves analyzing information, distinguishing important elements from unimportant ones.

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Here are some tips for summarizing:

- Read the original text carefully, highlight the main points as you read;
- Read the text again and make notes of the main points, leaving out examples, evidence, etc;
- Rephrase the main points by using different words and phrases;
- Do not add your own ideas, opinions, or judgment of the arguments;
- Include references to the original sources.

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## B. Paraphrasing

To paraphrase means to completely reproduce the original meaning in your own words (but never include your own opinion). There are basically two ways of paraphrasing: by making **word-level** transformations (and maintaining the original syntax) or by considering its “**deep structure**” and making more significant changes. It is usually believed that making word-level paraphrases is easier than deep level transformations.



Here are some guidelines for paraphrasing:

- Use synonyms;
- Change word forms;
- Make necessary structural adjustments;
- Change between the affirmative and the negative;
- Include references to the original source.



## IV. Academic Writing Skills

### A. Useful Sentence Patterns for summarising the findings

This study has shown that .....

These findings suggest that in general .....

One of the significant findings to emerge from this study is that .....

The following conclusion can be drawn from the present study .....

The relevance of X is clearly supported by the current findings.

The second major finding was that .....

The results of this investigation show that .....

The most obvious finding to emerge from this study is that .....

Multiple regression analysis revealed that the .....





## A. Useful Sentence Patterns for significance of the findings

These findings enhance our understanding of .....

The current findings add substantially to the understanding of .....

The current findings add to a growing body of literature on .....

The study has gone some way towards enhancing our understanding of ..

The present study, however, makes several noteworthy contributions to...

The empirical findings in this study provide a new understanding of

The findings from this study make several contributions to the current literature.

The present study provides additional evidence with respect to .....

The present study confirms previous findings and contributes additional evidence that suggests .....



## A. Useful Sentence Patterns for limitations of the research

Finally, a number of limitations need to be considered. First, .....

The most important limitation lies in the fact that .....

The current investigation was limited by .....

The project was limited in several ways. First, the project used a convenience sample that .....

However, with a small sample size, caution must be applied, as the findings might not be transferable to .....

Our findings in this report are subject to three limitations. First, these data apply only to .....

An issue that was not addressed in this study was whether.....

One source of weakness in this study which could have affected .....

Several limitations to this pilot study need to be noted.

The main weakness of this study was the paucity of .....



## A. Useful Sentence Patterns for recommendations for further research

Further work needs to be done to establish whether .....

It is recommended that further research be undertaken in the following areas.

Further research in this field/regarding X would be of great help in .....

Further investigation and experimentation into X is strongly recommended.

It would be interesting to assess the effects of .....

These findings provide the following insights for future research .....

Considerably more work will need to be done to determine .....

It would be interesting to compare / A further study could assess .....

The issue of X is an intriguing one which could be usefully explored in further research.

Future research should therefore concentrate on the investigation of .....



## A. Useful Sentence Patterns for Implications / Recommendations

The current study has a number of important implications for future practice.

These findings suggest several courses of action for .....

An implication of these findings is that both X and Y should be taken into account when .....

Another important practical implication is that .....

Other types of X could include : a), b). .....

This can be used to develop targetted interventions aimed at .....

A reasonable approach to tackle this issue could be to .....

Taken together, the findings do not support strong recommendations to .....



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### C. Writing a Concluding Section

The following are the points for attention in preparing the section of conclusion:

- Be careful not to draw conclusions from data involving errors of observation.
- Do not use mathematical formulas without clear understanding of the derivations and all the assumptions involved.
- Avoid confusing facts with opinions or influences, not only in the investigation itself but also in preparing results for publication.
- Do not draw a conclusion from too few data, or too broad a conclusion that is based on extrapolated curves.
- Guard against failing to qualify a conclusion, in order to show the limits within which it applies, or the variation which is to be expected.



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