

# Technical Writing and Speaking in English

## Class 5: wrapping up in a conclusion

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# Conclusion

- The conclusion summarizes the middle and provides a future perspective
- General narrative (this can change from field to field):
  - You quickly remind the reader about the scope and importance of the work
  - You summarise your work and present a short analysis of the results as a whole
    - Here, we must not reveal new results/analysis. These must arise from the findings presented in the middle
  - You present future perspectives of the work
    - Recommendations
    - Directions that your work will head
    - Raise open questions

# Key points

- **standalone** section in your paper  
(it is meaningful to read it without the rest of the text too)
- mentions the main contribution, but does **no lengthy explanations**
- highlights the importance of the work and its **motivation**
- mentions future work to show that its an active line of research

## Conclusion: Citing the textbook

*“Another way to look at a conclusion is to see it as bringing together the loose ends of your work. Although you often cannot tie everything into a neat package, you can convey a sense of closure for your audience. Put another way, you do not have to reach a peak in your conclusion, but you should reach a plateau.”*

See Exercise 3: Conclusion