

# L4 – Reading & Writing

## Lesson 5

Today, we will...

1. Have a vocabulary quiz
2. Discuss what you've read
3. Learn how to write a conclusion



# Argumentative Essay Conclusion

# The structure of an argumentative essay is...

Introduction:	Thesis Statement & hook
Main Body:	Claim & evidence (Persuasion)
Opposition:	Opposition & refutation (Concession)
Conclusion:	Summary

# How to write a conclusion...

1. Summarize the main idea of your argument.
2. Restate your thesis statement (differently).
3. Go beyond!

# How to restate your thesis

1. **Use different words:** Find synonyms for important words and concepts in your original thesis and replace them in your restatement.
2. **Change the structure:** The restatement should be different from the original thesis not only in its language but also in structure. This applies at the level of clauses (within sentences) and the overall sentence level.

# How to restate your thesis

## Thesis Statement:

Americans should add exercise to their daily morning routine because it not only keeps their bodies at a healthy weight but also reduces the risk of high blood pressure.

## Restate:

Since exercise can help Americans maintain their body weight at a healthy level and lessen the risk of high blood pressure, they should try to exercise every morning.



# How to restate your thesis

## Thesis Statement:

College students should base their choice of major on their own talents and interests, because only by doing things they are interested in, can students gain a true sense of purpose and achieve real happiness in life.

## Restate:

Only by doing things students are truly interested in will they be able to obtain a real sense of purpose and be truly happy in life. Therefore, college students should base their major on things they are good at and interested in.



# How to restate your thesis

**Restate the thesis below as a conclusion.**

Studying abroad is one of the most culturally valuable experiences you can have in college. It is the only way to get completely immersed in another language and learn how other cultures and countries are different from your own.

One of the best way to be entirely engrossed in another language and, therefore, culture is to study abroad, which is, consequently, the most culturally valuable experience you can have in college.

# How to go beyond...

1. The "So what?" Strategy
2. The "Rhetorical Question" Strategy
3. The "Thought-provoking Statement" Strategy

# How to go beyond...

## 1. The Final "So what?" Strategy

You need to explain the significance of your basic assertion. This strategy allows you to leave readers with an understanding of why your argument is important in a broader context or how it can apply to a larger concept.

### Sample Conclusion:

Alcohol abuse among students depends more on psychological factors than simply the availability of alcohol on campus,

### So What?

So! Universities are not approaching alcohol education from the most effective perspective when they focus exclusively on limiting students' access to alcohol.

# How to go beyond...

## 2. The “rhetorical question” Strategy

A rhetorical question is a statement formed as a question. Rhetorical questions can be manipulative because they are designed to appear objective and open-ended, but may actually lead the reader to a foregone conclusion.

### Sample Conclusion:

School uniforms are necessary because they eradicate the visual differences in income between students and provide a more egalitarian atmosphere at school.

### Rhetorical Question

With so many things going on in a teenager’s mind, wouldn’t it be better to have one less thing to worry about?

# How to go beyond...

## 3. The “thought-provoking statement” Strategy

Your reader will probably wonder: "Why should I care?" By ending your conclusion with a broad statement that causes the reader to consider how to use the information you provided them with, you can help them answer this question. Use statement as a warning or call-to-action.

### Sample Conclusion:

High levels of alcohol consumption have detrimental effects on your personal health, such as weight gain, heart disease, and liver complications.

### Thought Provoking Statement (Warning):

These problems with organ failure such as the liver or heart would cost a fortune to fix and that would put a huge financial burden on your family.

# In-class Writing: Conclusion

Write a conclusion (50 words) based on the thesis statement below.

(Remember to go beyond with one of the three strategies!)

Sample thesis:

Corporations should provide more work from home opportunities and six-hour workdays so that office workers have a better work-life balance and are more likely to be productive when they are in the office.



# ④ Homework

## 1. Reading Assignment:

Video Game Rules in China  
China Bars For-profit Tutoring

## 2. Writing Assignment:

Finish the Conclusion exercise





Thanks!

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