

G6 Playlist: Writing an Effective Concluding Statement

Aligns with CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.F:

- Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

Welcome

Most writers know that first impressions in an introduction are important. In an informative piece of writing, the introduction connects the reader to the topic. But what about the parting impressions at the end of a piece of writing? A conclusion serves a similar purpose. It leads the reader out of the ideas given in the text and provides reasons why the given information should matter to the reader once he or she is finished reading. A concluding statement also allows the writer an opportunity to provide a final word on the subject and to effectively and logically end the paper.

Objective

In this playlist, students will learn how to:

- provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

Review

Key Term

- A **conclusion** or **concluding statement** is the final statement or idea that writers leave with their readers at the end of a piece of writing. A conclusion can be as short as one sentence or as long as a paragraph.

Exploring the Standard

A strong conclusion is a vital part of an essay. In the conclusion, writers restate or emphasize the purpose and main ideas of the text, tie up loose ends, and explain to readers why they should care about this essay.

A Closer Look: Purpose and Function of a Concluding Statement

When concluding an essay, writers should keep several elements of concluding statements in mind. For instance, writers develop concluding statements based on the information presented in the text. More specifically, they develop the conclusion based on the main ideas and purpose described in the introduction and the supporting details developed in the body paragraphs. Writers want to make connections between the main ideas and supporting ideas in the conclusion to show how all the information fits together. In addition, writers want to demonstrate to readers that they have accomplished their reason for writing. Lastly, writers want to tie up any loose ends and provide readers with a sense of closure on the subject.

However, while there are some elements to include in any effective conclusion, it's important to remember that every essay is different. Writers must craft conclusions to suit the specific needs of their papers. For example, the length of a conclusion can also vary depending on the writing.



Here are a few things to keep in mind when determining the appropriate length for a concluding statement:

- Most standard essays devote a single paragraph to the conclusion.
- Longer research papers or very complex arguments may require multiple concluding paragraphs.
- A concluding statement can sometimes be boiled down to a couple sentences or even just one.
- Brief conclusions are typically used for shorter, simpler works that do not require much summary or analysis.

In addition, writers sometimes use concluding words to help end a text while also emphasizing the importance of key points or the relationship between ideas. Read the following chart, which lists words that commonly signal a conclusion or concluding statement.

• altogether	• definitely	• indeed	• surely
• all in all	• due to	• in effect	• thus
• as a result	• for these reasons	• in fact	• to sum up
• clearly	• in closing	• obviously	• truly
• consequently	• in conclusion	• overall	• ultimately

Hint!

Although conclusion words are useful, they can sometimes make writing sound forced. It's best to use them sparingly to avoid overwhelming the reader.

Watch!

Watch this video to learn how to write the conclusion to an informational text:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWrcM23Wbq8>

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Watch this video to learn about some basic rules to follow when drafting a conclusion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYhd5hadWhY>

A Closer Look: Strategies for Writing Effective Conclusions

A conclusion can be used to fulfill a variety of goals, depending on what a writer wants to achieve. It can be used to summarize information, to show the importance of a key idea, or to provide a final statement on a given topic. No matter which approach is used, the most effective conclusion is one that follows logically from the information that precedes it.

