## **Concluding Paragraph**

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## The conclusion is your last chance to make your point clear.

The concluding paragraph consists of:

- A summary of the main points, or a restatement of your thesis in different words;
- Your final comment on the subject, based on the information you have provided.

The concluding paragraph should be introduced with a conclusion transition signal:

in conclusion, in summary, in brief, in short, indeed

Here are some basic principles you should follow to write an effective conclusion:

- 1. The conclusion should follow logically from the body of the essay.
- 2. The conclusion must summarize the whole essay, not just one or two major points.
- 3. The conclusion should not raise any new points but must be related to the thesis statement or body of the essay.

You can use different devices to make your final comment more interesting. Some of them are:

- emphasize the result of the ideas in the essay;
- offer a solution to the problems stated in the essay;
- predict a situation that will result or occur from the ideas introduced in the essay;
- make a recommendation concerning material presented in the essay.