



Conclusions

WHY BOTHER WRITING AN EFFECTIVE CONCLUSION?

- It gives you the chance to have the last word.
- The conclusion can go beyond the confines of the assignment.
- Ideally, the conclusion should make the readers glad they read your paper.

TYPES OF CONCLUSIONS:

1. Restatement of main idea- Conclude the essay by reinforcing the main idea but be sure you're not just repeating your thesis.

2. General Impression- Conclude the essay by discussing the dominant impression you have conveyed throughout the paper.

3. Evaluation- Conclude the essay with a judgment based on the information presented.

4. Recommendation- Conclude the essay with a suggestion for some action the writer feels should be taken.

5. Prediction- Conclude the essay with a reasonable explanation of what may happen, keeping in mind the content of the essay.

HAVING TROUBLE WRITING A CONCLUSION?

Keep these tips in mind:

- Ask yourself "so what?" and "why should anyone care?" Every time you read a statement from your conclusion, ask yourself why it is important and why it should be significant to your reader. You may not have the answer for each statement, but do your best to answer the question as much as possible in order to develop your work further.
- Don't contradict the point of view you've made.
- Don't introduce a new topic or new information.
- Don't conclude with a cliché: For example, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."
- Don't apologize for lack of knowledge, ability or resources: For example, "I may not be an expert..." or "At least this is my opinion..."
- Try not to use obvious conclusion transitions such as, "In conclusion," "In summary" or "As I have attempted to show..."
- Remember to make your conclusion brief and to the point.
- Remember to keep the tone consistent with the overall tone of the essay.