

Writing a Conclusion

A **conclusion** is the last paragraph of your essay in which you reinforce your main point (thesis) and gracefully bring the essay to an end.

Elements of a Conclusion:

1. **Restate thesis statement:** Restate your thesis using different words or phrases. This reminds your reader of both your main point and the topic of your essay.

Original thesis: Online shopping has become increasingly popular over traditional shopping in recent years because it is convenient, cheaper, and saves time.

Restated thesis: Online shopping's convenience, lower prices, and quickness has made it increasingly popular and preferable to traditional shopping in recent years.

2. **The body of the conclusion:** Briefly review of summarize you essay's main points. There is several common methods of composing the body.

Summarize and offer a final thought: Summarize your essay and restate your thesis—make sure to rephrase and not rewrite.

Online shopping at home, then, has several advantages. Such shopping is convenient, saves you money, and saves you time. It is not surprising that growing numbers of people are doing the majority of their shopping on the internet, for everything from turnip seeds to televisions.

Summarize and ask a question or questions: Why is the subject of your paper important? What might happen in the future? What should/could be done about this subject? What choice should be made? You may or may not want to answer your question, just make sure that it is related to your thesis.

Holidays, it is clear, are often not the fulfilling experience they are supposed to be. They can, in fact, be very stressful. But would we rather have a holiday-free calendar?

3. **The closing statements:** Offer a prediction or recommendation in your closing sentence. What can you predict or recommend based on what you have presented or argued in your essay? What will happen in the future? What should happen?

Closing statement: Disappointments are unwelcome, but regular, visitors in everyone's life. We can feel depressed about them, or we can try to escape from them. The best thing, though, is to accept a disappointment and then try to use it somehow: step over the unwelcome visitor and then get on with life.

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