

# HOW TO WRITE EFFECTIVE CONCLUSIONS

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## THE CONCLUSION

The conclusion aims to: Give an explanation for your thesis statement/ main idea-Why is this important?

- Restate your thesis statement/ main idea of your essay
- Summarize and/or synthesize the supporting points of the body paragraphs
- Give a final statement; this may include: Implications, predictions, consequences, solutions, give recommendations, what you have learned, what this all means, etc.
- Depending on the essay, the conclusion should be a solid paragraph of 8-10 sentences

## HOW TO CONSTRUCT A CONCLUSION

An effective conclusion usually begins with a sentence that highlights a restatement of the thesis/ main idea(s)

Give a summary of the supporting points that were stated in the body paragraphs/ Gives a brief explanation of how all these points fit together

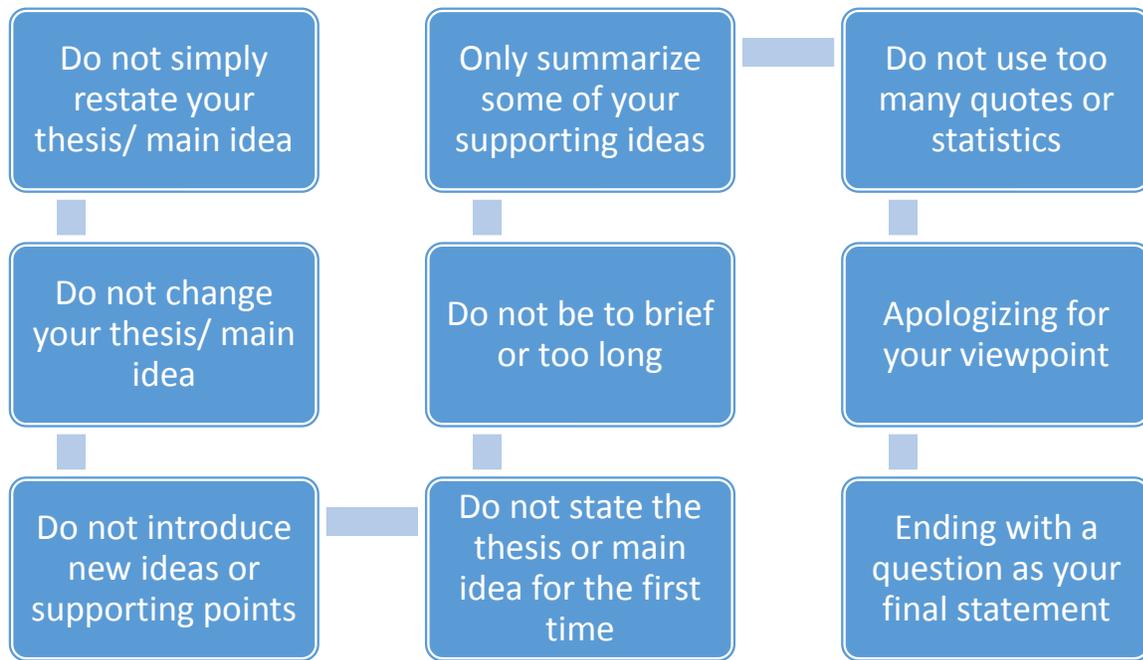
Give a final statement that informs the reader about the importance of the composition by giving implications, recommendations, predictions, etc.

## CONCLUSION EXERCISE #1: SELECT THE ANSWER IN THE BOX ON THE RIGHT

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| This is the best place to vacation because of the beautiful beaches such as Lanikai and the North Shore, the great places to go shopping in Waikiki, and the great weather all year around. | -Restatement of thesis/ Main idea<br>-Summary of the supporting points<br>-Final statement |
| If you are thinking about the next place to go on a relaxing vacation there should be no question Oahu, Hawaii should be your next choice.  | -Restatement of thesis/ Main idea<br>-Summary of the supporting points<br>-Final statement |
| For the reasons stated in this essay, I would strongly recommend going to Oahu, Hawaii for your next excursion.   | -Restatement of thesis/ Main idea<br>-Summary of the supporting points<br>-Final Statement |

\* WHAT COULD BE A POSSIBLE THESIS STATEMENT THAT WOULD ALIGN WITH THIS CONCLUSION?

INEFFECTIVE CONCLUSIONS: THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO



CONCLUSION EXERCISE #2: WHY IS THE CONCLUSION INEFFECTIVE?

**Conclusion #1:** That’s my essay and I am not changing my mind. What do you think?

Why is this conclusion ineffective? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Conclusion #2:** *Thesis:* Prime minister is the ideal job because you can change Japan, live in a big house, and you can meet the U.S. president.

*Conclusion:* In conclusion, prime minister is the ideal job because you can change Japan, live in a big house, and you can meet the U.S president. You can make a lot of money too which is great!

Why is this conclusion ineffective? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Conclusion #3:** Good parenting includes spending time with your children, being involved in their lives, and showing love and care. Even though I am only fifteen years old, I have seen a lot of young parents make the mistake of not spending enough time with their kids and neglecting them during the years they are growing up. If parents choose to do this, it might lead their children to become socially disengaged and feel isolated within the home and society.

Why is this conclusion ineffective? \_\_\_\_\_  
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