



# Concluding Sentences

A paragraph needs to start with a topic sentence, provide supporting details in the body, and end with a concluding sentence. The conclusion is the end of the paragraph. It repeats the main point and clues the reader that the paragraph is ending. The concluding sentence usually makes the same point as the topic sentence, but in a slightly different way. The phrases below are commonly used to begin concluding sentences:

**As you can see,**

**In brief,**

**In sum,**

**In short,**

**On the whole,**

**In conclusion**

**In summary**

**That's why...**

## **EXAMPLE:**

**Topic Sentence:** My mother bakes the best cookies in the entire world.

**Concluding Sentence:** In short, no one makes better cookies than my mom.

**Topic Sentence:** The last time I was on a roller coaster I threw up.

**Concluding Sentence:** That's why I always say that roller coasters are no good for the digestion!

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each topic sentence below. Then write a concluding sentence that sums up each topic sentence.

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE:** My dog is very protective of me.

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**

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2. **TOPIC SENTENCE:** I think my life would be better if my dog were trained.

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**

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3. **TOPIC SENTENCE:** It is a big responsibility to care for a dog.

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**



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4. **TOPIC SENTENCE:** A dog is a wonderful companion for people of all ages.

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**

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5. **TOPIC SENTENCE:** All dogs start out “good”; whether or not they stay that way depends on how you treat them.

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**

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