



Sports!

Most paragraphs end with a conclusion or closing sentence. A concluding sentence can let the reader know that you are finished; it can summarize what you have already written; or it can restate your main idea.

DIRECTIONS: Put an X in front of the concluding sentence that best fits this type of paragraph.

_____ 1. Participating in sports is good for your mind, body and spirit. Team sports are good for learning to be responsible for your actions, for learning commitment and for practicing leadership. Many athletes do better academically than non-athletes. Students that participate in sports are generally more fit than those who don't, and lower their risk of some diseases later in life. Playing sports can also boost your self-esteem.

- A. It is clear that making sports a priority for students is a win-win situation for educators.
- B. For all of these reasons, getting involved in sports is a good idea.

_____ 2. There is a great deal of evidence suggesting that participation in sports has a positive effect on students' academic performance. A recent study concluded that students who participated in sports scored an average of 30% higher on their SATs than student who did not. Admittedly many school districts are trying to cut their budgets. But the decisions that school administrators make affect not just the current school year but the long-term well-being of their students.

- A. There is an indication that schools seeking to raise their overall academic average would do well to support their athletic programs.
- B. When you think of all the benefits of sports it just doesn't make sense to cut athletic programs from the school budget.