



End It Off Right

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: I have often heard that if you're not having problems, you're not accomplishing anything.

Concluding Sentence: In short, facing obstacles is an inherent part of progress.

DIRECTIONS: Read each topic sentence below. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write a concluding sentence that sums up each topic sentence.

1. If you keep a positive attitude, things often work out in ways that you didn't expect.
2. The saying, "The best things in life are free" happens to be true.
3. Being headed in the right direction isn't enough; you have to actually keep moving.
4. You shouldn't be afraid to make mistakes, because everything in life is essentially an experiment.
5. You can't aim for greatness; you can only do what you do the best that you can and let history take care of itself.