Concluding Sentences

A paragraph typically contains a topic sentence, supporting ideas, and a concluding sentence. The concluding sentence restates the topic sentence and lets the reader know the paragraph is done. A hot dog is a good analogy of a paragraph. The top bun is the intro. The hot dog itself is the “meaty stuff”—supporting details. The bottom bun sandwiches it all in and holds the whole works together.

Example:

- Hot dogs are one of America’s favorite foods.
- Each American eats an average of 60 hot dogs per year.
- Americans truly do love their hot dogs.

Now you try. For each topic sentence and related supporting detail below, write a concluding sentence that sums it all up.

Eating lots of fruit and vegetables is important for your health.

- Fruits and vegetables contain many vitamins necessary for proper growth and health.

Goldfish are great pets.

- Goldfish are easy to care for and are quite inexpensive to own.

The dung beetle is the super-composter of the bug world.

- They feed partly or exclusively on feces or dung (a fancy word for poop).

Playgrounds provide lots of entertainment and exercise for young children.

- They often have swings, slides and monkey bars.