



Writing conclusions

The conclusion should sum up and tie together the main points you have presented in the body of your paper. The conclusion usually:

- restates the purpose or your position that was stated in the introduction
- evaluates how and to what extent the evidence you presented supported your ideas/arguments
- concludes with a statement that shows your position or thoughts on the overall topic
- only includes ideas that were developed and supported in the body

Depending on the type of assignment you are writing, or your lecturer’s expectations, you might also:

- indicate other aspects to be considered
- suggest what may happen in the future

Example of a conclusion (taken from a student’s assignment with permission)

<i>Conclusion</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<p><i>Although Gardner’s multiple intelligence theory and Sternberg’s triarchic model differ in their approaches to teaching and learning, both justly claim to improve student success and promote a learner centred environment in which students profit from their educational experience. Theories such as these recognise the individual student, and acknowledge intelligence as a universal, but also culturally and socially dependent, concept. Implementing such theories allows educators to reveal an individual’s intelligence to a maximum level, enhancing each student’s ability to learn, reason, and apply knowledge and skills to create a more fulfilling academic and personal life.</i></p>	<p><i>Restates the writer’s position given in the introduction on the assignment topic. Evaluates the ideas and evidence that were used as support in the body. Conclude with a statement that shows your final thoughts in relation to the topic as a whole.</i></p>

Use this template to help you write the conclusion for your assignments

Restate the position you gave in the introduction on the assignment topic.	
Restate the main points you provided in the body of the paper – evaluate how and to what extent the evidence you presented supported your ideas/arguments.	
Conclude with a statement that shows your final thoughts in relation to the topic as a whole.	

Tip: Edit what you have written to ensure the order of information makes sense and that ideas are linked to each other.