



## Writing conclusions

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

- restates the purpose or your position that was given 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, and
- 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 assignment with permission)**

<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<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. <b>Theories such as these recognise the individual student and acknowledge intelligence as a universal but also culturally and socially dependent concept.</b> 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 which was given in the introduction.</i>  <b>Evaluates the ideas and evidence that were used as support in the body.</b>            Concludes with a statement that shows the writer's position or thoughts in relation to the overall topic.</p>

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

Restate the overall answer you gave in the introduction.	
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 position or thoughts in relation to the overall topic.	
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**Tip**

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

**Useful links** *(all open in a new window)*

There may be resources that have been created with your lecturers, addressing assignment tasks and topics specific to your courses. Follow the links below to find out:

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Social Sciences](#)

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