

Writing Conclusions

Wrapping up informational writing

Why do we need conclusions?

- To let the reader know we are ending
- To remind the reader of our main ideas
- To make sure readers remember what you've said

Three parts of a conclusion

- Topic sentence with “conclusion clue words”
- Restate main ideas
- Strong ending

Topic sentence

- Restate your main idea sentence
- Use “conclusion clue words”
 - As you can see, ...
 - To conclude, ...
 - In summary, ...
 - DON'T SAY: “That is why” or “These are the reasons why” or “That was information about”

Topic sentence practice

- Original topic sentence: Pit bulls make good family pets.
- Conclusion topic sentence: As you can see, there are several reasons that pit bulls make good pets for families.

- You try it!
Original topic sentence: It is important to eat vegetables every day.
 - Add conclusion clue words
 - Say the same thing in different words

Restate your main ideas

- What do you want readers to remember?
- What were your important points?
- Hint: look at the topic sentences for each of your body paragraphs.

Main idea practice

- Example: Pit bulls are intelligent and can be trained quickly. They are also friendly and affectionate. Finally, their short fur and good health make them easy to care for.
- You try it!
- Restate these main ideas. Use words like: also, next, finally, in addition.
 - Vegetables have vitamins and minerals
 - Vegetables protect against diseases
 - Vegetables have heart-healthy fiber

Strong ending

- Make sure readers remember your information
- Sometimes can include your opinion
- Sometimes can include a “call to action”
- Can show why your topic is important

Strong ending practice

- Example: The next time your family is looking for a new pet, think about getting a pit bull.
- Try it!
- Think of a strong ending about eating vegetables every day.
 - You could talk about the importance of vegetables
 - You could suggest your reader eat vegetables
 - Consider using a strong image/details like specific vegetables