

# Formal Concluding Statements

A formal concluding statement tells you that the paragraph is coming to an end by restating the topic sentence, summarizing the main points, and/or making a suggestion, opinion, prediction, etc. for the reader. Clue words that signal that something is coming to an end are commonly used to begin formal concluding statements:



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| thus       | as a result  | therefore   | consequently  |
| finally    | to summarize | in summary  | in conclusion |
| ultimately | on the whole | to conclude | summing up    |

**DIRECTIONS:** Reread your paragraph. What is the final thought you want to leave with your reader?

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Choose one of the clue words above, and write a formal concluding statement for your paragraph.

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