

Concluding sentences mark the end of a paragraph and remind the reader of the main idea in the topic sentence. A concluding sentence may also summarise the supporting ideas in the paragraph. Concluding sentences should always begin with a transitional phrase.

A. Unscramble the letters to make concluding transitional phrases.

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| 1. lal ni lla | 5. smmauyr ni |
| 2. freib ni | 6. ot edulcnoc |
| 3. ni lcnocnoisu | 7. ot musesiram |
| 4. ni trohs | 8. pu ot mus |

B. Read each topic sentence and use a transitional phrase above to create a concluding sentence that paraphrases the main idea of the topic sentence.

- The global economy is currently facing a number of serious challenges.
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- There are many reasons why pollution is a widespread global problem.
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- Being an effective leader requires certain characteristics.
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- Beach vacations have many advantages over other types of holidays.
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- There are a number of important factors to consider when choosing a university course.
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C. Read each topic sentence, think of your own supporting ideas, and make a concluding sentence that summarises those ideas. Remember to start with a transitional phrase.

- There are a number of negative effects related to social media use.
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- A successful restaurant has three key characteristics.
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- Engaging in hobbies in your free time has a number of benefits.
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- A good friend should exhibit a number of important qualities.
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- There are some very important reasons why governments need to do more to protect the environment.
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D. Read the paragraphs and add a concluding sentence that either restates the topic sentence or summarises the supporting ideas.

Italian and Spanish share a number of interesting similarities. Firstly, both languages are originated from Latin. Thus, they belong to the same language family, which is known as romance languages, which is why they have much in common. The other similarity is Italian and Spanish have vocabularies that are around 82% similar, with identical syntax and similar grammar. For example, the phrase for please in Italian is per favore and por favor in Spanish, and the word for friend is amico in Italian and amigo in Spanish. Finally, because of their similar origins and vocabulary, they are to a certain extent mutually intelligible. This means a Spanish speaker can understand much of spoken Italian, and the reverse is also true.

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Large cities have a number of advantages over smaller cities. One advantage of living in a big metropolis is employment opportunities. Large corporations and government departments tend to maintain offices in large cities. They provide a multitude of opportunities for people to work in professional and high paying careers that are usually not found in provincial cities. Furthermore, major cities tend to host a large number of important cultural and sporting events such as, arts festivals and international sports tournaments. This enriches the lives of the residents, and makes them feel connected to the wider global community. Finally, large cities are simply more interesting places to live. One reason for this is they tend to attract foreign migrants, who bring their food and culture with them, thereby adding to the colour of local communities.

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E. Read the topic sentence and concluding sentence pairs below and identify any errors in the concluding sentence. If you find any errors, highlight them and rewrite the concluding sentence to make it more suitable.

1. Tsunamis have a number of important causes and effects.

Finally, although tsunamis create many problems, there are some effective solutions to deal with them.

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2. There are a number of ethical issues related to heritable human genome editing.

To conclude, heritable human genome editing is a powerful technology that should be used with caution.

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3. Australian farmers face a number of significant challenges due to local natural conditions.

In conclusion, farming in Australia can be difficult due to drought and government regulations.

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