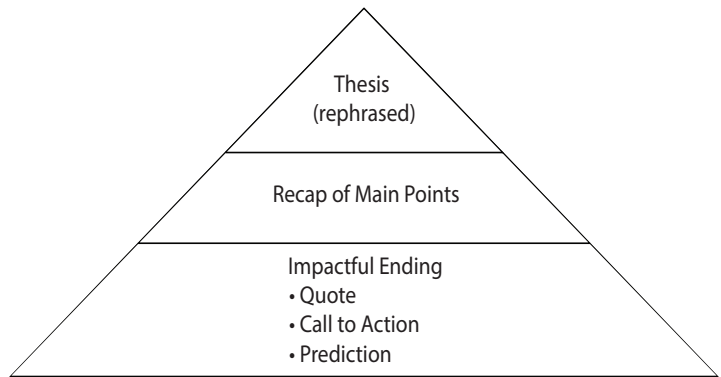


What is a Conclusion?

A conclusion is the last paragraph of your essay and presents your final thoughts on the topic at hand without introducing new information. The conclusion accomplishes two important goals: it reminds the audience of what they read before and creates both a lasting impact on the reader and a sense of resolution.

Structure of a Conclusion

A helpful way to think about a conclusion is to view it as an upright triangle. This shape represents the course of a conclusion, which starts with the most specific point of your essay, the thesis statement. Your restated thesis is followed by sentences that recapitulate the main points you have made to support your argument. The wide space at the bottom of the triangle is a final impactful thought that leaves a lasting impression on your readers and invites them to think beyond the horizons of your essay.



Thesis

In order to remind your readers of what you have tried to prove in your essay, start your conclusion by restating your thesis. This version of your thesis statement should not simply be a word-for-word recapitulation of what you wrote in your introduction.

Statement in Introduction

Despite this reputation, pizza should be praised for its intricate flavors, nutrition, affordability, and cultural adaptability.

Statement in Conclusion

Far from being junk food, pizza turns out to be a delicious, nutritious, affordable, and customizable meal.

Main Points

In order to remind your readers of how you proved your thesis, you should follow it with a brief summary of the points you made in your essay. Again, this recapitulation should be expressed in words different from the topic sentences of your body paragraphs.

Statement in Introduction

Pizza toppings such as fresh, vitamin-rich garden vegetables and lean meats can contribute to a healthy diet.

Statement in Conclusion

With its wide variety of toppings, pizza offers a wealth of healthy choices to its consumers.

(see reverse)

Impactful Ending

You can prompt your readers to think more about your topic by ending the conclusion with a quote, call to action, or prediction.

- **Quote**

You may want to introduce an authority figure or a more universal source to conclude the essay, adding support to your main points and showing a connection to other works and ideas. This quote should reinforce the ideas in your essay and be no longer than two lines.

Example

For all of these reasons, New York City's Mayor, Bill DeBlasio, was correct when he called pizza "New York's favorite food."

- **Call to Action**

Recommend an action for readers to take on their own. If you are persuasive enough, this should create a concrete objective for them, one that they can work towards using the information that you have supplied.

Example

So stand up for pizza and inform pizza critics of its value and potential to be a smart food choice.

- **Prediction**

Tell the reader what you believe will happen next concerning the subject based on what you have discussed in the rest of the essay. Like the call to action, a prediction allows your readers to think critically about the subject after they have finished the paper.

Example

This food will only improve as future generations continue to develop new and innovative ways to make pizza.

Complete Conclusion (Ending with a Prediction)

Far from being mere junk food, pizza turns out to be a delicious, nutritious, affordable, and customizable meal. With its infinite variety of toppings, pizza offers a wealth of healthy choices to its consumers. Furthermore, it has the potential to please anyone from a food connoisseur to a hungry citizen searching for a quick and affordable option no matter where they are in the world. This food will only improve as future generations continue to develop new and innovative ways to make pizza.