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Conclusion

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A **conclusion** of a text is usually the last sentence or sentences in that text. A strong conclusion signals that the text is over. Without one, the text might seem unfinished.

In opinion writing, a strong conclusion will restate the main idea and leave the reader with a call to action. Readers should finish the text with a clear understanding of what the writer wants them to agree with or wants them to do.

In informative writing, a strong conclusion will sum up, or restate, the main idea of the text. Restating the main idea reminds the reader of the most important thing to remember. Other conclusions connect different ideas from the details that came before it. A conclusion should not bring up new information. It should tell the reader what to remember from what he or she has just read.

Example Video games are sometimes thought of as kids' entertainment, but adults can get a lot out of them too. As technology keeps moving forward, video games have gotten more complicated. Some tell long stories and have difficult puzzles to solve. Others have many characters that are similar to characters in a book or movie. Playing video games can be an effective way to relax after working hard. Some games help improve players' ability to respond to things quickly. Teamwork is strengthened by playing games that include more than one player. Adults who find games that interest them can look forward to hours of a fun hobby.

(The conclusion restates the main idea, which is also in the topic sentence: playing video games can be good for adults.)

Test Example

1. Read the informative text.

Doctors are treating more young people with hearing loss, so they encourage people to be aware of volume. Phones let people listen to music whenever they want. Outside the home, most people use headphones or ear buds to listen to the music. This keeps the music from bothering others, but it might be hurting the listener's ears. Playing very loud music that close to the eardrum can slowly cause hearing loss.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Twenty years ago, people had to carry a portable CD player to listen to music on the go.
- B. Doctors hope to teach young music fans to lower the volume on music to protect their ears.
- C. Serious music listeners often pay a lot of money for headphones that claim to have better sound.
- D. Taking headphones off is easier for the listener's ears, but it is rude to make others listen to the music.

B. Option B connects to the topic sentence, explaining that doctors hope to solve the hearing problems caused by music.

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Practice

1 Read the passage.

Should parents agree to let children get a pet? Children asking for a pet have to first learn how much work is needed. Many times, a child will promise to help take care of a pet, but the parents end up having to do everything. Before agreeing to get an animal, parents should help the child learn about pet care. Workers at a pet store are happy to answer questions about animals and what they need. The child could also help take care of a friend or relative's pet for a day or more to see what they will need to do.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. A good first pet for a child is a fish or a hamster.
- B. If children show that they can properly care for a pet, then parents should let children get a pet.
- C. Learn about different dog breeds before choosing one.
- D. Reptiles need a lot of special care.

2 Read the passage.

Getting enough sleep is important for one's health and safety. Most adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep a night, but many don't get enough. Being short on sleep can lead to many health problems. Even one bad night of sleep makes it hard to focus at work and school. The scariest effect might be behind the wheel. Sleepy drivers can easily cause accidents.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Drinking and driving is also a major cause of car accidents.
- B. People who work at night have to adjust to sleeping during the day.
- C. Snoring can be annoying to a partner and might signal a health problem.
- D. Getting enough restful sleep improves one's life in many ways.

3 Read the passage.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Stores offer big sales to get big crowds in the door. Some stores open very early in the morning or even the night before. Shoppers get ready by looking through Black Friday ads for the best deals.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. The busiest shopping day of the year is actually closer to Christmas.
- B. Some people are upset that some stores open on Thanksgiving night.
- C. Even though they will face huge crowds on Black Friday, shoppers are excited about all the sales.
- D. Thanksgiving is always the fourth Thursday in November.

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1 Read the paragraph.

In the past few years, many people have bought security cameras for their homes. But why? A good reason to buy the cameras is that they may stop a thief from trying to get into your home. Once thieves notice a camera, they may move on. If burglars do come to your home, the camera will record them. The police may be able to use the recording to identify the thieves.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. For the best features, check with security experts.
- B. Some security cameras have a siren and a floodlight.
- C. For a safe home, a security camera can be a good investment.
- D. You can also use a camera to film wildlife near your home.

2 Read the paragraph.

When you feel anxious or angry, nature can help. Something as small as a plant in a room can reduce stress. A view of trees through a window can help people feel more relaxed and calm. Going outside in nature can also help improve your mood.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. So if you need to lift your spirits, go for a walk in the woods, along the beach, or through a park.
- B. Looking at screens and spending too much time inside your home can make you feel depressed.
- C. Most people do not find deserts as comforting as forests.
- D. Rivers and streams make people feel especially calm.

3 Read the paragraph.

Why should you pay attention to your body language during a job interview? Employers notice your nonverbal communication. In fact, that is what they will notice first. For instance, did you know that when you cross your arms, you can seem defensive? The way you carry yourself during an interview matters.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Fidgeting can distract the interviewer.
- B. Practice using strong, confident nonverbal communication before your interview.
- C. Be ready to ask questions about the job and the company.
- D. Looking at your watch can make you appear bored.

4 Read the paragraph.

One of the most popular drinks in the U.S. today is seltzer. But what is seltzer? It is carbonated water. Often it is flavored. It is not sweet like soda, though. Seltzer sales doubled from 2006 to 2019. Why? People may buy seltzer because, unlike soda, it does not have sugar. Also, seltzer water keeps you hydrated just as well as regular water.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Seltzer comes in both bottles and cans.
- B. This bubbly drink is only getting more popular with time.
- C. Bottled iced tea has seen a decrease in popularity.
- D. Mineral water is like seltzer, but it contains minerals.

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5 Read the paragraph.

The spices we use every day have quite a history. Alexandria in Egypt was a trading center for spices. Spices were used to flavor food. They were also used as medicine. During the Middle Ages, some people used peppercorns as money. At this time, Venice controlled the sea route for the spice trade. In the late 1400s, other countries wanted to take control of the trade. Explorers went looking for new routes. They found new spices in the Americas.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Though markets have changed, spices have been valued for thousands of years.
- B. Allspice, red peppers, and vanilla were important spices.
- C. Spices from India include saffron, coriander, turmeric, and clove.
- D. The Maluku Islands are called Spice Islands because mace and cloves grow there.

6 Read the paragraph.

Can the colors of a room have an effect on your mood? Some colors, like red, yellow, and orange, are considered “warm.” These colors might make you feel safe. On the other hand, they may bring up feelings of anger. Other colors, like blue, green, and purple, are considered “cool.” These colors are said to be calming though they may also be associated with sadness. More research needs to be done.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Purple is a color that has long been used to signify royalty.
- B. Even so, gray is a very popular color for the exterior of houses today.
- C. Some marketers claim that orange will make people hungry.
- D. Still, you might want to consider a color’s impact when you choose a paint.

7 Read the paragraph.

It can be tricky to judge a charity. Charities are set up to help causes. They may help people in need, animals, or the environment. Some charities do great work. They use most of the money they get to help advance their cause. Other charities spend most of their money on marketing. That is, they spend the gifts some people give on materials to convince other people to give. There are websites that report how charities spend their money.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. Some thrift stores seem like charities but they are for profit.
- B. Some charities help ensure that people get enough food to eat.
- C. My favorite charity donates animals to families.
- D. Make sure to research a charity before donating money.

8 Read the paragraph.

Lenore Skenazy thinks children should have more freedom. In 2008, she wrote about letting her 9-year-old son ride the subway. Her column caused outrage. Some people called her “America’s worst mom.” So, Skenazy started the “free-range kids” movement. Why? Many parents stay with their children on playdates. They do not let children take walks alone. Skenazy believes children should do some things independently.

Which is the best conclusion?

- A. “Free-range kids” started when Skenazy wrote the column.
- B. Helicopter parents are overly involved in a child’s life.
- C. The free-range kids movement believes that children will be stronger if they have more freedom.
- D. Skenazy has done many interviews and has even written a book on the subject.

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(3.W.1.d, 3.W.2.d)

1. B. The sentence sums up the main idea of the passage.
2. D. The sentence sums up the most important ideas from the passage.
3. C. The sentence restates the fact that there will be big crowds and big sales. It does not introduce new ideas.

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1. C. The sentence sums up the main idea that security cameras make homeowners feel safer.
2. A. The sentence restates the idea that nature can lift your mood.
3. B. The writer is concluding with advice related to the main idea that nonverbal communication is important in interviews.
4. B. The writer restates the main idea that seltzer is a popular drink now.
5. A. The sentence restates the idea that spices have been important throughout history.
6. D. The writer is concluding by suggesting readers consider a color's possible effect on their mood.
7. D. The writer is concluding with advice related to the idea that some charities spend money more responsibly than others.
8. C. The writer restates the main idea by explaining the belief of the free-range movement.