

Conclusion Checklist

Run through this checklist before you hit submit:

Content:

- I restated my thesis using fresh language (not word-for-word)
- I summarized my 2-3 strongest points briefly
- I showed why my argument matters (the "so what?")
- I didn't introduce any new evidence or arguments
- I ended with a memorable final sentence or question

Format:

- Length is appropriate (5-7 sentences for shorter essays, 7-10 for longer)
- No cliché openers ("In conclusion," "To sum up")
- No apologetic language ("This is just my opinion," "I could be wrong")
- Transitions smoothly from last body paragraph
- Feels complete (no abrupt stops)

Writing Quality:

- Read it out loud (does it sound natural?)
- Checked for typos and grammar errors
- Confident tone throughout
- No contradictions with intro thesis
- Final sentence has impact

If you can check all these boxes, your conclusion is ready.