

Assignment 9 - The Conclusion

Linguistics 381 - Written English for Non-Native Speakers

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So you've written the outline, the abstract, the background, and the body of your project. What's left but the conclusion? A good conclusion should remind the reader what the main points of the paper were and the logical steps taken to arrive at the conclusions: in essence, another summary (kind of like the abstract and introduction). However, the conclusion should also answer some or all of the following questions.

- What are the (theoretical and/or practical) implications of the conclusions of the project?
- What are *not* the implications of the conclusions of the project? (this issue seems to arise more often in the social sciences)
- How might the current research have been improved?
- What questions remain open for further research?

So, your task in this assignment is to write a conclusion to your project. Again, the same rules about length apply. If your submission is longer than 500 words, please note sections of your work you want me to focus on in my critique.

Depending on the nature and discipline of your project, you may wish to look at some the following in *WACH5* to help you.

- Chapter 5, "Developing Your Text", pp. 81-104 (especially, Section 5.7, "Concluding an Essay")
- Chapter 8, "Style: Using a Community's Language", pp. 127-155
- Chapter 39, "Documenting the Research Paper", pp. 579-600
- Chapter 42, "Writing and Research in Different Disciplines", pp. 652-696

As usual, remember to submit your work via the "Digital Dropbox".