

Concluding Sentences

- * the last sentence of a paragraph
- * summarize the information of the paragraph or give a parting thought
- * sometimes relate back to the topic sentence
- * reflect on the details in the paragraph
- * do **NOT** provide any new information
- * A good concluding sentence does **NOT** end with “This is why ... <repeat topic sentence>”

Examples: Topic sentences are in green, while concluding sentences are in red.

Ralph is a boy who cannot seem to stay out of trouble. Yesterday, he was caught with his hand in the fish tank. He had one fish gripped in his hand as the teacher came into the room. Today, Ralph tied Jenna’s pigtails to her chair. Ralph insists that he will have some new tricks up his sleeve for tomorrow. **Ralph’s parents must have their hands full trying to keep him under control.**

Our local shopping mall provides an enjoyable atmosphere during the Christmas season. One thing I always look forward to are the decorations in our mall; many colored lights, angels, and wreathes adorn hallways and shop windows. Also, I look forward to the different musical groups who perform at the center stage. Another enjoyable aspect of my shopping experience is rewarding myself with a gourmet cup of hot cocoa from Starbuck’s. **With bright cheerful decorations to watch, musical groups who entertain, and a relaxing cup of cocoa, Christmas shopping at the mall is an activity I could enjoy year round.**

Our cafeteria food is among the worst in the state. For starters, the hamburgers are frequently undercooked or raw. The french fries taste of rancid oil which must have been reused several times over. Even the lettuce in the salads is moldy and rotten. **Once you have tried the food in our school cafeteria, you will never leave home without your lunch.**