



# Guide Sheet for Writing the Conclusion

Name

Contentious statement

Your role is to conclude the paper. This is a very crucial piece of writing, and can go in one of three ways. In each case you must use the evidence that the two people writing the arguments have found. You will need to discuss, as a group, which argument is the most convincing. In the end it is your final decision, and you may decide in one of these ways:

1. The statement is true. If this is the case you need to explain why the arguments and evidence for the statement are stronger than those against.
2. The statement is false. If this is the case you need to explain why the arguments and evidence against the statement are stronger than those for it.
3. The answer is more complicated than that. There may be some aspects that are true, but it might not be true in all cases or situations. In this case you need to describe when it is true and when it is false. Or, possibly, there is not yet enough evidence to be able to make a clear decision. If this is the case, can you suggest any research that might help us decide?

However you decide, your role is to compare the two arguments and contrast them. Try to bring conflicting evidence together and explain why it conflicts. Try to weigh up conflicting arguments.

In order to write your conclusion, you will need to have a good understanding of the evidence and arguments before you write. This means you need to help and support the researchers while they are finding their evidence. You cannot start writing until they have gathered all their information.

Keep going back to the researchers and reading what they are writing. This will help you make your conclusion fit well with the previous work. You must use the evidence they have brought up rather than any opinion you may have had before starting on the work.