

Writing Paragraphs → Concluding Sentence Level: Elementary School

To write a good paragraph, you need to come up with a topic sentence and then you need to support it with specific details. After your paragraph is adequately supported, you will need to provide a concluding sentence. A concluding sentence can do many things. It can let the reader know you are finished; it can summarize what you have already written, or, it can restate your main idea.

Put an "X" before the concluding sentence that best fits the type of paragraph.

1) There's a beach near San Diego that is very peaceful to walk on. It's long and flat, with fine sand shifting gently under your feet. The waves surge in, slowly and calmly, never overpowering you as you walk. The only sounds you hear are cries of gulls and a gentle wash of water.
Geological processes have created this useful division between land and sea.
This beach allows you to walk and meditate in peace.
2) My cat wasn't just my best friend, but she thought she was my protector. I once lounged under a tree, reading a book, while my cat sat across the lawn. When a small dog happened by staring me in the face, my cat thought I was in danger. She raced across the lawn, all puffed up meowing furiously to make the dog leave.
My cat watched over me in the same way that I took care of her.
A feline is a marvel of grace and ferocity in the same lovely package.
B) Modern advances make life easier, but may also have unexpected drawbacks. Just taking escalators rather than stairs reduces the number of calories burned each day. By letting machines routinely do their work, people become less physically fit. And if supermarkets were to fail, people could starve without having their own gardens to provide food.
That's when they decided they had to learn to live without so many gadgets.
It may be time to question how "convenient" these advances really are.

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