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### **c. Concluding Sentence**

A paragraph does not always need a concluding sentence. For single paragraphs, especially long ones, a concluding sentence is helpful to the reader because it is a reminder of the important points. However, a concluding sentence is not needed for every paragraph in a multi-paragraph essay. A good concluding sentence signals the end of the paragraph and summarizes the important points briefly or restates the topic sentence in different words.















