Module 3 Unit 3
Introductions and conclusions

Summary

To write an effective introduction and conclusion, you must interpret the question accurately. Analysing the question in terms of its instruction, content, value and scoping words is a technique that can assist you.

Well-structured introductions and conclusions are crucial to effective academic writing. They reduce the amount of work the readers have to do to interpret your meaning by providing a summary of your thesis statement and supporting arguments.

Your introduction provides a preview of the position you will take in the body of your essay, so your readers can predict and follow your lines of argument.

Your conclusion summarises the arguments you have made and the evidence you have presented, and shows how these have supported the position you have taken.

Check your introduction and conclusion carefully to identify any mismatches in content.

Write your introduction last, when you have finished developing and supporting your arguments and drawing conclusions from them.