A Strong Finish

Trace how a conclusion supports an argument.

C.8.1.f "Provide a concluding statement or section that supports the argument presented."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the proposal in paragraph 1, number one benefit and one response to a concern that return in paragraph 3, and circle the sentence that restates the proposal. Use your marks to trace how the ending supports the argument.

A Quieter Lunch Option

1. At lunch, the cafeteria buzzes with conversations, trays, and chairs scraping the floor. That energy suits many students, but others would rather read or finish a project in peace. Our school should open the library during one lunch period each week. A quiet place would give students a choice without changing lunch for anyone who enjoys the cafeteria. Students who share books could also browse the shelves together, turning a small break in the day into a chance to find something worth reading.

2. Some people may worry that opening another room at lunch would require too much supervision. That concern matters, because a library cannot simply be left unlocked. The school could begin with one day a week, a sign-up list, and a staff member who agrees to supervise. A small trial would show how many students want the space before the school commits to a larger plan. Keeping the first step limited makes the idea easier to test and adjust.

3. A library lunch would not replace the lively cafeteria. It would simply make room for students who need a quieter part of the day. Starting with one supervised day respects the concern about staffing while letting the school see whether the option is useful. If the trial draws students and runs smoothly, the school can decide whether to continue it. Instead of expecting every student to recharge in the same setting, our school should try opening the library at lunch once a week.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the final sentence restate the proposal from paragraph 1 and give a reason to act?

2. Which benefit from paragraph 1 does the conclusion bring back? Explain the connection.

3. How does the conclusion answer the concern about supervision raised in paragraph 2?

4. Why does the sentence about continuing the trial belong in this conclusion?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Your school is considering a water refill station near the gym: it would help students refill bottles after exercise and could reduce disposable bottle use, but the school needs to check installation and upkeep costs. Write a four-sentence conclusion that restates the proposal, ties in both benefits, addresses the cost concern, and ends with a practical next step without inventing facts.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the proposal in paragraph 1, number one benefit and one response to a concern that return in paragraph 3, and circle the sentence that restates the proposal. Use your marks to trace how the ending supports the argument. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the final sentence restate the proposal from paragraph 1 and give a reason to act?	**It repeats the proposal to open the library at lunch once a week and suggests that students need different places to recharge.**
2	Which benefit from paragraph 1 does the conclusion bring back? Explain the connection.	**Paragraph 1 says a quiet library would give students a choice. The conclusion returns to that benefit by saying students who need a quieter place would have one.**
3	How does the conclusion answer the concern about supervision raised in paragraph 2?	**It proposes starting with one supervised day, which addresses the staffing concern while allowing the school to test the idea.**
4	Why does the sentence about continuing the trial belong in this conclusion?	**It shows that the school can decide whether to continue after seeing if students use the library and the trial runs smoothly. That supports trying the proposal on a limited basis.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A refill station near the gym would give students a convenient way to refill their bottles after exercise. It could also make disposable bottles less necessary during the school day. Before committing money, the school should check what installation and upkeep would cost. If those costs are manageable, adding the station would be a sensible next step.

Accept answers that identify the same connections using different wording. For Part 3, look for four sentences that support the stated proposal without claiming the station will save money or eliminate disposable bottles.