
Let's revisit the previous example but change the wording slightly:

“Therefore, greenhouse gases are causing the atmosphere to warm at a rapid rate.” How did changing the first word in the sentence change the function of the sentence? The meaning of the sentence stays the same, but how we're using it in our argument has changed. It is now in the form of a conclusion.

You may have heard one of your thesis statements or main arguments described as “too obvious.” This usually means that your readers already accept your conclusion without any need for argument. You must also consider your audience when you are constructing your conclusions.

Joining Words

Readers need transitional words and phrases to distinguish among different ideas and to make sense of logical relationships between conclusions.

federal taxes, you suffer the consequences even if you eat only healthful, home-cooked meals. Therefore, we should impose a small tax on every high-calorie meal served at fast-food chains in this country. This would not only offset obesity-related healthcare costs, but force consumers to seek out more healthful options when looking for lunch.

Premise 1: Most Americans eat at fast-food establishments more than once a week.

Premise 2: Many researchers agree that such eating habits cause obesity.

Premise 3: Obesity-related diseases burden our healthcare system.

Premise 4: Every American suffers the consequences of obesity.

Conclusion: