

Strong Conclusions

A **strong conclusion** sums up the main idea of a paragraph in a vivid way.

Directions Read the paragraph and each conclusion. Write why each conclusion is or is not the strongest conclusion for the paragraph.

A mountaintop looks beautiful from far away, but it is a harsh place for people who visit. The higher you go, the worse the weather gets. At the top of a high mountain, snow swirls in a stiff wind. Temperatures are below freezing.

1. Mountains are very beautiful.

No; it doesn't sum up the main idea of the paragraph.

2. So everyone should climb mountains.

No; it doesn't sum up the main idea of the paragraph.

3. Unless you are an experienced mountain climber, the best way to enjoy a tall mountain is from the ground.

Yes; it sums up the main idea and holds readers' interest.

Directions Write a strong conclusion for the following paragraph.

The rain forest is a noisy and colorful part of the natural world. Monkeys screech, frogs croak, and insects chirp. The plants create a lush green world that contrasts with the brilliant reds and yellows of flowers and birds.

Possible answer: A rain forest has more sights and sounds than the most exciting adventure movie.
