

Grade 5 English Language Arts

Week of November 30 – December 4

Lesson 3: You're the Author – Your Conclusion

The ending is near! The ending is here! Your story is coming to a close. You want to make sure all questions are answered and all loose ends are tied up. You want to leave your reader feeling satisfied. The ending does not have to be happy, but the reader should get a sense of closure. Be careful about adding new information at this point. Check out some examples of last lines from popular books on the next page.

Last Line Examples

Here are some examples of last lines from well-known books.

"But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest a little boy and his Bear will always be playing."

The House At Pooh Corner, A.A. Milne



"Max stepped into his private boat and waved goodbye and sailed back over a year and in and out of weeks and through a day and into the night of his very own room where he found his supper waiting for him—and it was still hot."

Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak

"Oh, my girls, however long you may live, I never can wish you a greater happiness than this."

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

"We sat there for a long time, till the crowd around us thinned, till the sun shifted and the light changed. Till we felt our eyes could meet again, without the tears."

Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay

"The white floodlight shines through the wispy tulle and makes thin shadows. A sudden breeze over the Tigris forms a tiny whirlwind. It floats through the balcony doors and makes the curtains dance."

A Hundred and One Days: A Baghdad Journal, Asne Seierstad

