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Chapter 2 Lesson 4 (p. 31)

Write a Strong Ending

Activity Write a clincher sentence to end each paragraph below.

1. Students should be allowed to take notes on their computers during class. First, many students can type more quickly than they can write, which allows them to take more notes. Second, taking notes on computers builds students' technology skills and prepares them for college and future careers. The school administration believes that the Internet would distract students if they had computers in class. However, students need to learn to avoid distractions.

2. Students should not be allowed to bring personal computers into the classroom. Every student should have the same tools, and not every student owns or can afford to rent a laptop. Also, personal e-mail and online chatting can distract students from focusing on the teacher. Some argue that students need to use computers regularly in order to prepare for future jobs. Yet many classes are already held in computer labs. These classes provide plenty of exposure for students and ensure that everyone in the class acquires the same experience.

3. Whether or not students can bring laptops into class should be the choice of individual teachers rather than a school-wide policy. Teachers of classes that require lots of note-taking, such as history, may choose to allow laptops. Teachers who oppose the idea may simply refuse to have personal computers in their classrooms. Students argue that splitting their notes between paper notebooks and online documents would be inconvenient. However, students would still have the option of using only paper notebooks, and those who choose to use both laptops and paper will learn an additional lesson in organization.
