

The Facts About Concussions

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned that concussions are a serious type of brain injury and have looked at some of the technologies doctors use (or may one day use) to diagnose them. You will now write an essay that shares what you have learned and what you think about it. You will need a printout of your notes.

- Choose one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, videos, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details. For example, for the word *jump*, you could use *jumps*, *jumped*, or *jumping*.

Essay Topics

1. Describe why concussions are dangerous and how we can protect ourselves from them. Be sure to include the following in your answer:
 - a. What are the symptoms of concussions?
 - b. Describe one way that scientists are trying to better diagnose concussions.
 - c. How can concussions be prevented?
2. Describe some things that people believe about concussions that are not true. Then explain how you would tell others the facts about concussions. Be sure your essay talks about how having a better understanding of concussions is important for our personal health.

Vocabulary Words

concussion
conscious
diagnose
symptom
trauma