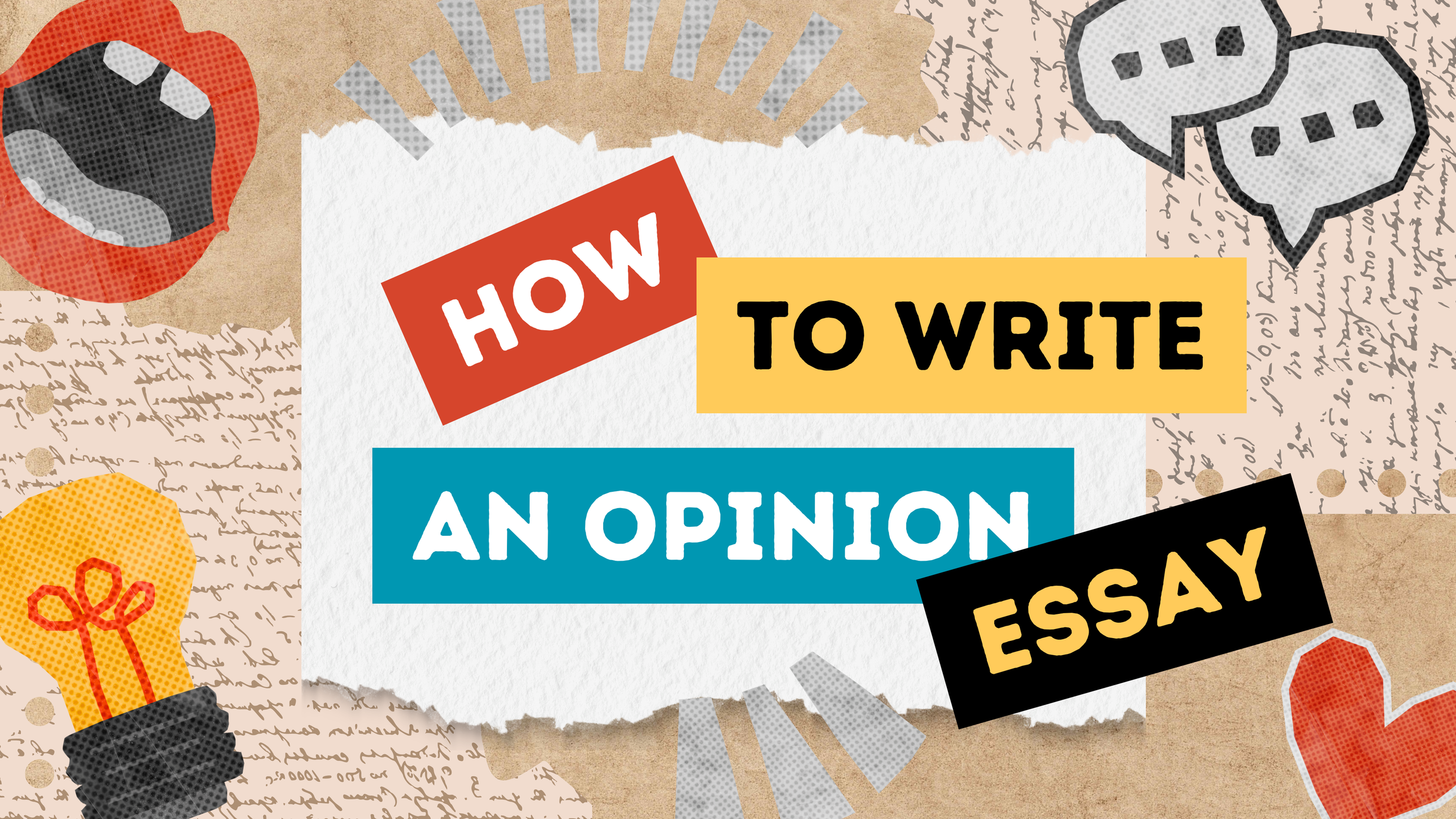

HOW
TO WRITE
AN OPINION
ESSAY

1. IDENTIFY THE TOPIC

En la mayoría de los casos, en exámenes oficiales, el tipo de ensayo está “escondido” en el enunciado de la pregunta. Es decir, normalmente no te van a especificar qué tipo de redacción tienes que hacer: parte de la pregunta es identificar el tipo de texto y, por lo tanto, seguir bien la estructura de ese tipo de texto.

Así pues, la primera tarea es identificar el tipo de texto que tienes delante y cuál es el tema del ensayo.

1. IDENTIFY THE TOPIC

EXAMPLES

1. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: Is the future promising for women in our Western society?

Topic: gender equality

Task: give your opinion

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EXAMPLES

1. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: Is the future promising for women in our western society?

2. Do you think there could be a connection between AI and unemployment in the future?

1. IDENTIFY THE TOPIC

EXAMPLES

3. Social Media: A Blessing or a Curse? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using social media platforms.

4. Keeping the air quality in city centres at healthy levels for their residents is a concern for many places. How can we solve the problem of pollution in city centres?

1. IDENTIFY THE TOPIC

EXAMPLES

5. More and more people are practising extreme sports. Some people think they are exciting, while others believe they are too dangerous. Do you think people should practise risky sports? Give your opinion and reasons.

6. Around the world, many wildlife species are in danger of extinction. How can we protect endangered animals?

2. REMEMBER THE STRUCTURE



Una vez has identificado el tema del writing y el tipo de texto, toca recordar la estructura. En este caso, Opinion essay:

- Paragraph 1: Introduction: menciona el tema del que vas a hablar y da tu opinión de manera clara.

- Paragraph 2: Justifica tu opinión claramente, dando ejemplos.
- Paragraph 3: Da otra razón por la cual opinas de ese modo.

- Paragraph 4: Conclusion: da tu opinión de nuevo, con otras palabras.

3. CREATE A DRAFT

Crea un breve esquema con lo que quieres decir en cada párrafo.

More and more people are practising **extreme sports**. Some people think they are exciting, while others believe they are too dangerous. Do you think people should practise risky sports? Give your opinion and reasons

Topic: Extreme sports
Task: Opinion essay

Introduction. No. Nowadays, in my view
Paragraph 2: Risk of injuries or death. To begin with...,
Paragraph 3: Far away from hospitals. Additionally...
Conclusion: too risky. conditional, to sum up / in conclusion

example of opinion

ESSAY

Nowadays, more and more people are practising extreme sports such as skydiving or bungee jumping, which are becoming very popular among young people. While some people think these activities are exciting, I believe they are too dangerous and should not be encouraged.

To begin with, extreme sports can cause serious injuries or even death. For example, accidents can happen even when people use safety equipment. Therefore, participants might get seriously hurt despite all precautions.

Additionally, these activities are often practised in remote areas, which are far away from hospitals. This means that if something goes wrong, injured people will not receive medical help in time, which can make the situation much worse.

In conclusion, I **do not think** people should practise risky sports because the dangers are too great and the risks are not worth it. If more people took safety more seriously, fewer accidents would happen.



REMEMBER

La estructura del párrafo imita la estructura del ensayo:

1. Opinión: thesis statement
2. Justificación de la opinión: párrafos 2 y 3.
3. Conclusión.

Párrafo: The sis statement.
Justificación (ejemplos).
Conclusión.

REMEMBER



Thesis statement

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Justificación

Conclusión

How TO WRITE an opinion ESSAY



1. Decide si estás o no de acuerdo con el tema del writing.
2. Crea una lista con tus razones y puntos de vista

3. Escribe cuatro párrafos que tengan más de una frase cada uno. Los más largos deben ser los 2 del medio.

4. Empieza los párrafos con una thesis statement que resuma de lo que vas a hablar en ese párrafo.

5. Usa conectores.

Useful

LANGUAGE

- To express opinion: I believe, In my opinion, in my view, I strongly believe, the way I see it, It seems to me (that)
- To lists points: In the first place, to begin with, Firstly, To add more points, the second reason, another major reason, furthermore, moreover, in addition, not to mention the fact that...
- To introduce contrasting viewpoints (in the introduction, for example): It is argued that, there are people who think that... on the contrary, I believe that..., Contrary to what most people believe...

Useful

LANGUAGE

- To introduce examples: For example, for instance, such as, in particular, especially...
- To conclude: To sum up, all in all, all things considered, thaking everything into account, in conclusion...

activity

Write an opinion essay:

Around the world, many wildlife species are in danger of extinction. How can we protect endangered animals?

GOOD PRACTICE!