

AN OPINION ESSAY

(Read the examples on pages 38, 39, and 143 in your Student's book)

PARAGRAPH 1

Introduce the topic and give your opinion. Say whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

PARAGRAPH 2

Give a reason to support your opinion.

PARAGRAPH 3

Give a second reason to support your opinion.

PARAGRAPH 4

Summarize your ideas and repeat your opinion using different words.

EXPRESSIONS, LINKERS AND CONNECTORS YOU CAN USE

EXPRESSING OPINIONS

In my opinion,	<i>En mi opinión...</i>
I (don't) think/ I (don't) believe (that)...	<i>(No) creo que...</i>
I strongly believe that....	<i>Creo firmemente que...</i>
It is clear (to me) that...	<i>Me parece evidente que...</i>
I agree/disagree that...	<i>Estoy de acuerdo/ en desacuerdo que ...</i>
It seems to me that...	<i>Me parece que..</i>
As I see it, ...	<i>Como yo lo veo...</i>
In my view,...	<i>Desde mi punto de vista,...</i>
From my point of view,	<i>Desde mi punto de vista,...</i>

ADDING IDEAS

Moreover/ furthermore,	<i>Además,...</i>
Firstly,...	<i>En primer lugar,...</i>
First of all,...	<i>En primer lugar,...</i>
Secondly,...	<i>En segundo lugar,..</i>
Thirdly,...	<i>En tercer lugar,..</i>
Lastly,...	<i>Por último,..</i>
Finally,...	<i>Finalmente,...</i>

EXPRESSING CAUSE

because + clause	<i>porque</i>	They didn't go out because it was raining heavily.
as / since + clause	<i>ya que / puesto que</i>	They didn't go out as / since it was raining heavily.
due to / because of + noun	<i>debido a / por culpa de</i>	They didn't go out because of / due to the heavy rain.
due to the fact that + clause	<i>debido al hecho de que</i>	They didn't go out due to the fact that it was raining heavily.
because of the fact that + clause		
That's why + clause	<i>por eso / por esa razón</i>	It was raining heavily. That's why they didn't go out.

EXPRESSING EFFECT

consequently	<i>por consiguiente, por lo tanto</i>	I forgot my keys, consequently / therefore / so
so	<i>así que</i>	/as a result I couldn't enter my house.
therefore	<i>por lo tanto</i>	
as a result	<i>como resultado</i>	

CONCLUDING THE ESSAY

To sum up,...	<i>Para resumir...</i>
To conclude,...	<i>Para concluir...</i>
In conclusion,...	<i>En conclusión...</i>
In short, ...	<i>En resumen...</i>