

Do you think Spanish teenagers are addicted to their mobile phones?

An opinion essay

We want to convince readers that our opinion is correct.



OPENING

Presentation of issue and opinion

- Begin with a surprising fact:
 - *I think I suffer from nomophobia...*
- Begin with a personal address to the reader:
 - *You may think that having a mobile phone can make you happy.*
- Begin with a question:
 - *Have you ever thought about your life without a mobile phone?*
- Begin with a controversial statement:
 - *Mobile phones should be censored, and the sooner the better.*

THE BODY

Specific reasons and facts to support opinion

- One or more paragraphs which develop the topic.
- Choose ideas and put them in a logical order (in separate paragraphs).

THE CLOSING

- Summarise the main idea or present a conclusion.
- Leave the reader with a strong impression.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

<i>Many people think that...</i>	Muchas personas creen/piensan que...
<i>In my opinion, however...</i>	En mi opinión, sin embargo...
<i>I disagree...</i>	Yo no estoy de acuerdo...
<i>In my view...</i>	Desde mi punto de vista...
<i>I believe that...</i>	Creo que...
<i>However</i>	Sin embargo...
<i>Therefore</i>	Por lo tanto, por eso...
<i>Despite this...</i>	A pesar de esto...
<i>First of all, ...</i>	En primer lugar,...
<i>Secondly, ...</i>	En segundo lugar,...
<i>In addition, ...</i>	Además...
<i>As a result, ...</i>	Como resultado...
<i>In short,...</i>	En síntesis,...
<i>To sum up,...</i>	En conclusión, ...
<i>In conclusion, ...</i>	En conclusión,...