



Expresión escrita

- **Duración:** 1 hora 30 minutos
- **Número de tareas:** 2

1ª parte:

- Se redacta un texto interpersonal como un correo electrónico o una carta, con un registro formal o semiformal.
- Esta parte tendrá entre **180-200** palabras.
- Se aconseja realizar un esquema antes de escribir la redacción.
- El tiempo recomendado para esta tarea es de 40 minutos.

2ª parte:

- Se redacta un texto argumentativo o de opinión, como por ejemplo un ensayo argumentativo; un artículo para una revista en inglés o una contribución para un blog que puede ser un artículo; un informe; o una crítica de una película, libro, página web, concierto etc.
- La redacción debe tener entre **270-300** palabras.
- Se aconseja realizar un esquema antes de escribir la redacción.
- El tiempo recomendado para esta tarea es de 50 minutos.

1ª Parte: Se redactará un e-mail, formal o semiformal.

Ejemplo de tarea:

email formal (formal email):

You are a member of the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) at Allingford Primary School and are not happy with the school lunches and have received complaints from other parents.

Write an email to the head teacher and include the following:

- express your concern about the school lunches.
- explain what the problem is
- say what action you want the head teacher to take.

Write between **180 – 220** words

Ejemplo de un email formal

To: Ms. Saunders [s.saunders@allingford school .com](mailto:s.saunders@allingford.school.com)

Subject: School lunches

Dear Ms Saunders,

I am writing with regard to the lunches provided at the school.

First of all, for some time now there seems to have been a noticeable decline in the quality and variety of the lunches provided. If you look at the menus corresponding to the last few months you will notice that there has been very little variety, with a great emphasis on carbohydrates such as chips and pasta and very few vegetables, not to mention no pulses whatsoever! In addition, there has been less and less fruit and more and more sugar laden desserts. You will be more aware than I am that many children may have a poor diet at home so it is extremely important that school lunches are both nutritional and balanced. Moreover, as chairman of the PTA I have received many complaints from other parents regarding this point as well as the size of the portions.

I would like to have a meeting to discuss what measures can be taken to improve the situation. There has been a lot of noise in the press recently about school dinners and I am sure you would not want Allingford School to be seen as a school that does not give priority to nutrition.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, (216 words)

2ª Parte:

Ejemplo de tarea:

Un informe (report):

You are the leader of a team working in a laboratory. Recently two members of the team were made redundant and now there is no-one responsible for their work. A young trainee laboratory technician has taken over the research which often requires spending weekends. This person is not qualified for this work.

Write a report to the head of the laboratory and include the following:

- introduce the problem
- explain the consequences of this situation
- a recommendation to remedy the situation

Write between **270 – 300** words.

Ejemplo de un informe:

To: Doctor Ecaterina Constantinou

Introduction

In September of the current year two members of the research team lost their jobs due to government spending cuts in scientific research project. The two team members were both experienced PhD holders with over 15 years' work experience between them. The team has asked me to write to you to explain the situation and to request that a solution be found for the project.

The Current Situation and Consequences

As these two team members, Dr Yang Lee and Dr Sanchez, were working on this project, this field of research is now in danger of failing. They had been working together on this project for over 8 years when they were dismissed, and it would be a tremendous loss to the laboratory to lose this line of research.

You are no doubt aware that a young lab technician, Mr Perez, joined the team last year as a trainee and because of the pressure on the team he is now responsible for maintaining the project. Unfortunately, Mr Perez has neither the experience nor the know-how to be in charge of the project and he is also currently finishing his own research for his PhD in a completely different field.

Recommendations and Conclusion

Three other members of the team are prepared to continue the projects but feel they must be paid for the extra work and responsibility. As you will be aware, the project requires round-the-clock supervision. I believe that this would be a good solution as the current situation is unsustainable.

The team takes the opportunity to invite you to visit the laboratory where the project is being carried out, to see for yourself the extent of the research and to discuss the matter further. (285 words)

Ejemplo de tarea:

Un artículo para un blog (article):

You decided to take a gap year before going to university. You are going to write an article for a student blog about your experience.

Include the following in your article:

- why you decided to take a gap year
- explain what you did during your gap year
- give advice to students who are thinking about taking a gap year

Write between **270 – 300** words.

Ejemplo de un artículo para un blog:

An experience of a lifetime

Most of my classmates were going straight on to university but I decided to take a gap year and get away as I had had a few personal problems and also needed a break from all the studying.

When you do a gap year the world is your oyster, but I didn't want to waste time so as soon as I could working in a local hotel. This was a great experience as I had never worked before, and apart from earning the much-needed money it gave me time to research into several NGOs and plan exactly what I was going to do next. I chose one that works with orphanages in Malawi so I gave up my job and by the end of October I was out in the sticks in Malawi. My duties were varied but basically I had to organise sports, games and anything else I could dream up with the limited resources available. As everything was so new and fascinating I was taking loads of photos. It was amazing to see the children's reactions, they absolutely loved seeing themselves and naturally wanted to take photos themselves. So I got my family and friends back home to raise some cash and send us some cameras. That was how the photography club started. We eventually had an exhibition and in fact the club is still in action.

So if you are thinking about a gap year, make sure you plan it carefully so as not to waste time. I would strongly recommend volunteering, it's the best thing I ever did. I learnt so much on so many levels, had a great time and started university with lots of new ideas. Take my word for it you won't regret it. (291 words)

Ejemplo de tarea:

Un ensayo argumentativo (essay):

You have had a class discussion about the importance of preserving the past. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay discussing the statement below.

The past is too important to lose and we should make more public funding available for its preservation. How far do you agree with this statement?

Write your essay in **270-300** words

Ejemplo de un ensayo argumentativo:

It is often argued that it is a waste of money to preserve the past and that with so many problems in the world today we should not use public funds to preserve historical sites or monuments. However, there are various arguments that refute this point of view.

There are many reasons why the past is important. First and foremost, history has made us who and what we are today. Every decision we make is based on what came before us and we can learn from the past to create a better future. For example, what would modern architecture be today if we had not had the Egyptian pyramids to learn from? The same goes for science and technology, as every discovery is based on previous knowledge.

Secondly, memories are important to hold on to and are a part of who we are. A monument or an artefact can trigger a memory, just like a souvenir from a holiday destination or a photo of a special event. We all spend both time and money on these things, so should we not be willing to give the same value or more to historical objects and buildings?

Moreover, if we look at history from a purely economic point of view, our heritage is a valuable asset. If this were not the case, then why would so many tourists go to London or Paris, for example? And last but not least, history gives pleasure and it sells. Not only do millions of people visit museums worldwide, but also some of the top TV series are historical and historical novels are bestsellers.

While it goes without saying that there are many problems that need tackling today, I personally agree with the above statement, since preserving the past means we are investing in both the present and future. (302 words)

Ejemplo de tarea

Una contribución para un blog- una crítica (review):

You are a regular contributor to a blog on cultural activities in your local town. Write a review for the blog of two films that you have seen.

Write your review in **270-300** words.

Ejemplo de una crítica:

The films I have seen this week are "Sun in the Woods" and "Glory Days". The first is a well-crafted story about a family by a debut director and the second a much hyped war movie.

"Sun in the Woods" follows the story of a family and how they learn to cope with tragedy. At first they become estranged while trying to deal with their new reality and as the plot unfolds you see how they manage to make amends and make a new beginning. At first sight you may not think it has an exactly gripping storyline but it is not sentimentalized in any way and is told in such a way that you forget the time and become completely absorbed. Of course what makes it stand out is the acting, which is marvellous, and this makes it a very touching, credible film.

In contrast, "Glory Days" is about a group of soldiers that get separated from their regiment and the trials and tribulations they go through to rejoin them. Being a fan of the various war films that have hit the screens in recent years, I was keen to see this one. However, I was disappointed, and it certainly does not live up to all the hype that it has received. The plot is just a mix of every other war film ever made. It has nothing new to say and the talents of the same big name actors are wasted.

So to sum up, if you want to see a film that reflects on life's challenges, although this is not a feel-good film it's definitely worth both the time and the money. As regards the other, if you like war films, why not just stay at home and watch one of the great old classic war films in the comfort of your own home? (305 words)