**Phrases, vocabulary and expressions for your essays.**

**Oraciones, vocabulario y expresiones para sus ensayos.**

**Es un hecho bien sabido que**

It's a well known fact that

**Hoy en día todo el mundo está de acuerdo que**

These days everyone agrees that

**En los últimos años se ha visto un aumento en**

In recent years there has been an increase in

**es un tema complicado/preocupante**

it's a complicated/worrying topic

**En este ensayo trataré de averiguar si**

In this essay I will try to establish whether

**Este ensayo trata de**

This essay is about

**En este ensayo quiero**

In this essay I want

**En este ensayo voy a establecer los argumentos a favor y en contra**

In this essay I am going to establish the cases in favour and against

**En primer lugar consideremos los argumentos a favor/en contra de**

First of all let's consider the arguments for/against

**Existe una gran divergencia de opiniones sobre**

There is a wide range of opinions about

**Se suele afirmar que**

It's often said that

**A veces se olvida que**

Sometimes it's forgotten that

**Mucha gente piensa que**

Many people think that

**Hay quienes dicen que**

There are those who say that

**Otros constatan que**

Others would reply that

**Primero tenemos que preguntarnos**

First we have to ask ourselves

**A primera vista**

At first sight

**Según una encuesta**

According to a survey

**Pasemos a examinar**

Now let's look at

**Consideremos ahora**

Now let's consider

**Pasemos a considerar otro aspecto del tema**

Let's go on to consider the other side of the argument

**Consideremos la otra cara de la moneda**

Let's consider the other side of the coin

**Otro dato a tener en cuenta es**

Another factor to take into account is

**Ante todo**

First and foremost

**Primero**

Firstly

**En segundo lugar**

Secondly

**finalmente**

finally

**Por un lado/mano**

On one hand

**Por otro lado/mano**

On the other hand

**Por añadidura**

In addition

**Además de lo dicho**

In addition to what has already been said

**A fin de cuentas**

After all

**Asimismo**

Likewise

**Por consecuencia**

consequently

**por supuesto**

of course

**a pesar de que**

in spite of the fact that

**Debido a esto**

Due to this

**De hecho**

in fact

**Dicho de otro modo**

In other words

**Como ya se sabe**

As is already known

**Es decir**

That is to say

**A propósito**

By the way

**Hay que reconocer que**

It must be recognised that

**Mientras que**

Whereas

**En cuanto a**

As for/with regard to

**Según**

according to

**Lo cierto es que**

One thing that is certain is that

**Resulta que**

It turns out that

**Esto explica por qué**

This explains why

**La llave del problema**

The key to the problem

**Hay que tener en cuenta que**

one must keep in mind that

**Dado que**

given that

**Teniendo en cuenta el hecho que**

Bearing in mind that

**A mi juicio**

to my judgement

**Considero que**

I judge that

**No estoy ni a favor o en contra**

I am neither in favour or against

**Tengo que confesarme a favor de**

I have to admit I am all for

**No cabe duda de que**

There can be no doubt that

**No se puede negar que**

One cannot deny that

**Es un tema que me tiene muy interesado**

It's a topic that interests me

**Estoy de acuerdo con los que dicen**

I agree with those who say

**Estoy persuadido de que**

I am sure that

**Que yo sepa**

As far as I know

**Es cierto que**

It is certain that

**Es una ilusión creer que**

We're kidding ourselves if we think that

**por mi parte**

for my part

**Me parece increíble que (+s)**

It seems incredible to me that

**Es insoportable que (+s)**

It's unbearable that

**Es una verguenza que (+s)**

It's shameful that

**Es una lástima que (+s)**

It's a shame that

**No me extraña que (+s)**

It doesn't surprise me that

**Dudo que (+s)**

I doubt whether

**Espero que (+s)**

I hope that

**puede ser que (+s)**

It's possible that

**Es imprescindible que (+s)**

It's essential that

**No estoy persuadido de que (+s)**

Im not sure that

**?No sería mejor que? (+s)**

wouldn't it be better if?

**En suma**

in short

**De todo lo que antecede se deduce que**

from what has been said, it can be seen that

**existe un grave problema**

there is a serious problem

**si se sopesan los pros y los contras**

If one weighs up the pros and the cons

**pase lo que pase**

whatever happens

**me resulta**

I find it

**Al fin y al cabo es una diversión inocua**

at the end of the day, it's harmless entertainment

**Sostener**

to uphold (an idea)

**es inadmisible que**

it is unacceptable that

**es inaguantable que**

it is unbearable that (not soportar)

**pase lo que pase, espero que**

whatever happens, I hope

**estoy de acuerdo hasta cierto punto, pero en contrapartida**

I agree to an extent, but in return

**no comparto tu opinión**

i don't share your opinion

**esa medida está condenada a fracasar**

that measure is condemned to fail

**lejos de resolver el problema, eso podría causar aún más daño**

far from solving the problem, that could cause even more damage

**no olvidemos que**

let's not forget that

**no es siempre así**

it is not always so

**esa medida tiene potencial en la teoría, pero ¿qué ocurrirá cuando sea puesta en práctica?**

that measure has potential in theory, but what will happen when it's applied?

**sea como fuere, principalmente no puedo estar de acuerdo**

be that as it may, principally I cannot agree

**no estoy para nada de acuerdo contigo**

i dont agree with you at all on this

**el tropiezo con eso**

the setback/snag with that

**pronosticar**

to fortell

**recalcar**

to stress

**dar a entender**

to hint

**ilustrar**

to illustrate

**afectar**

to impact

**indicar**

to indicate

**informar**

to inform

**manifestar**

to manifest

**narrar**

to narrate

**retratar**

to portray

**exponer**

to present

**hacer referencia a**

to reference

**relacionar**

to relate, link

**comentar**

to remark

**revelar**

to reveal

**tipificar**

to typify

**aconsejar**

to advise

**aludir a**

to allude to

**clarificar**

to clarify

**confirmar**

to confirm

**verbalizar**

to convey

**denotar/significar**

to denote

**representar**

to depict

**condicionar**

to determine

**estimular/fomentar/animar**

to encourage

**enfatizar**

to emphasise

**ejemplificar**

to exemplify

**expandir**

to expand, spread out

**sacar a la luz**

to expose/bring to light

**augurar**

to predict

**repercutir**

to have repercussions / to affect

**retrasar**

to delay, retard

**atentar**

to put something at risk

**rendir**

to perform well / yield

**ingerir**

to ingest

**aquejar**

afflict

**potenciar**

to promote

**aferrarse**

to hang on to

**interponer**

to come between

**hacer frente a**

to face/deal with

**acuñar**

to coin

**insinuar**

to insinuate

**lo importante**

the important thing

**el último modelo**

the latest model

**postrer**

last, final

**agredir**

to attack; to assault

**la rueda de prensa**

the press conference

**increpar**

to reprimand, rebuke

**los cultivos**

the crops

**un hito**

a milestone

**ir de la mano**

to go hand in hand

**un arma de doble filo**

a double edged sword

**los alimentos transgenicos**

the GM foods

**el embrión**

the embryo

**la nave**

the ship

**la pulsera**

the bracelet / (criminal) tag

**el tejido**

the fabric, tissue (biological)

**la alcantarilla**

the drain

**el influjo**

the influx

**el motín**

the riot

**la inanición**

the starvation

**patrocinar**

to sponsor, back

**el sarampión**

the measles

**las agitaciones políticas**

the political disturbances

**cuanto más... más...**

the more... the more...

**la ganancia**

the income, earning

**los vales**

the vouchers

**promedio**

average

**ir más allá**

to go further

**a la vista**

in sight

**claustrofóbico**

claustrophobic

**el lector**

the reader

**significativo**

significant

**presagiar**

to foreshadow

**el presagio**

the omen

**a lo largo**

throughout / all along

**con fallos**

flawed

**intrínsecamente**

inherently

**el tema que predomina es el de**

the predominating theme is that of

**pongamos por ejemplo el caso de**

let's use for example the case of

**sirve reforzar el tema de**

serves to reinforce the theme of

**una sociedad con fallos**

a flawed society

**los personajes no son más que personificaciones del régimen político que previo Lorca**

the characters are nothing more than embodiments of the political regime Lorca foresaw

**personificar**

to embody

**la existencia estancada de las hermanas**

the sisters' stagnant existence

**el encarcelamiento**

the imprisonment

**pertinente**

relevant, pertinent

**cegar a alguien**

to blind someone

**ahorcarse**

to hang (oneself)

**la lujuria**

the lust, lechery

**imponer**

to impose

**la deshumanización**

the dehumanisation

**hipócrita**

hypocritical, hypocrite

**la traición**

the betrayal

**traicionar**

to betray

**la dote**

the dowry

**el anhelo**

the longing

**la aceptación**

the acceptance

**rebelarse contra**

to revolt

**rebelde**

rebellious

**afligir**

to upset

**devastar**

to devastate

**el escenario**

the stage

**el plató**

the set

**ajustarse**

to conform

**sádico**

sadistic

**subestimar**

to underestimate/take for granted

**mantenerse pegado a la silla**

to keep you on the edge of your seat

**verbalizar**

to convey

**el remordimiento**

the remorse

**la expectativa**

the expectation

**la pertenencia**

the membership, belonging

**la perspectivael liderazgo**

the leadership

**el escalafón**

the hierarchy (sotelo y castillo)

**el enfado**

the anger, annoyance

**el descontento**

the dissatisfaction

**la censura**

the censorship

**enfrentarse**

to face up to

the perspective

**la trama**

the plot

**el desenlace**

the ending/conclusion

**el lenguaje**

the language/speech

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| Para empezar to begin with |  |
| en primer lugar | in the first place |  |
| al principio | in the beginning |  |
| como punto de partida | as a point of departure |  |
| por un lado | on the one hand |  |
| para continuar | to continue |  |
| durante | during |  |
| mientras tanto | meanwhile |  |
| además | in addition; also; moreover |  |
| también | too; also |  |
| luego | then |  |
| entonces | then |  |
| después de (+ infinitivo) | after |  |
| mientras | while |  |
| y | and |  |
| antes de (+ infinitivo) | before |  |
| sin embargo | nevertheless |  |
| a pesar de (+ infinitivo) | in spite of |  |
| aunque | even though; even if |  |
| pero | but |  |
| en cambio | on the other hand |  |
| por otra parte | on the other hand |  |
| por otro lado | on the other hand |  |
| sino que | but (rather) |  |
| sino | but (rather) |  |
| en realidad | in reality; really |  |
| hay que tomar en cuenta | you have to take into account |  |
| lo importante es | the important thing is |  |
| por eso | therefore |  |
| por lo tanto | therefore |  |
| desgraciadamente | unfortunately |  |
| afortunadamente | fortunately |  |
| para ilustrar | to illustrate |  |
| por ejemplo | for example |  |
| a causa de | because of |  |
| en conclusión | in conclusion |  |
| en fin | in short |  |
| finalmente | finally |  |
| en resumen | in summary; to summarize |  |
| para concluir | to conclude |  |
| para terminar | to conclude |  |

Top of Form

* es decir = that is to say
* a saber = that is to say
* en otras palabras = in other words
* dicho de otra manera = in other words
* primero = first, firstly, in the first place
* primeramente = first, firstly, in the first place
* en primer lugar = first, firstly, in the first place
* en segundo lugar = second, secondly, in the second place
* por último = finally
* finalmente = finally
* en comparación con = by comparison with
* comparado –da con = compared with
* hoy en día = nowadays
* actualmente = at present, currently
* en la actualidad = at present, currently
* respecto a = regarding, with regard to
* en cuanto a = regarding, with regard to
* por otra parte = on the other hand
* porque = because
* a causa de = because of
* en resumidas cuentas = briefly
* en efecto = in fact
* efectivamente = in fact
* por lo menos = at least
* la gran mayoría de = the great majority of
* no obstante = nevertheless
* sin embargo = nevertheless
* a pesar de = in spite of
* ahora bien = however, now
* recalcar = to emphasize
* enfatizar = to emphasize
* hacer hincapié en = to emphasize
* subrayar = to underline
* señalar = to point out
* dar algo por sentado = to assume something, take something for granted
* asumir = to assume
* Some useful essay phrases:-
* Para empezar - to start
* En primer lugar – in the first place
* Se dice que – it is said that
* Se piensa que – it is thought that
* Este tema ha sido interesante durante muchos años – this topic has been interesting for many years
* Que yo sepa – as far as I know
* A mi modo de ver – the way I see it
* Según yo creo – according to what I think
* Por mi parte – for my part
* En cambio – on the other hand
* Po otro lado – on the other hand
* Por otra parte – on the other hand
* Al contrario – on the contrary
* Por eso – therefore
* Por lo tanto – therefore
* Sin embargo – however
* Es decir – that is to say
* O sea – or rather
* Además – moreover
* Por consiguiente – consequently
* No obstante – nevertheless
* Asimismo – similarly
* Al parecer – apparently
* En efecto – indeed
* En realidad – as a matter of fact
* Es necesario tener en cuenta – it’s necessary to bear in mind
* Hay que añadir – it must be added
* Hay que destacar que – it must be highlighted that
* Hoy se tiende a – today there is a tendency to
* En cualquier caso – in any case
* No sólo …. sino también – not only …but also
* Tanto… como…. – both …and ….
* Es posible que – It’s possible that
* Parece que – it seems that
* También importa señalar que – it is also important
* No estoy de acuerdo con – I don’t agree with
* En último lugar – in the last place
* Para terminar – to finish
* En conclusión – in conclusion
* Al fin y al cabo – at the end of the day

Bottom of Form