

Q5: TENSE & OPINION BUILDER

Essential Language for Complexity and Justification

1. HIGH-SCORING TENSES: THE YO FORMS

Memorize these key 'yo' (I) forms. If you can use these accurately, your AO3 mark will immediately increase. Focus on one tense per bullet point!

PRESENT TENSE:

- ◆ Hago (I do/make)
- ◆ Voy (I go)
- ◆ Tengo (I have)
- ◆ Juego (I play)
- ◆ Quiero (I want)

PAST TENSE (PRETERITE):

- ◆ Fui (I went/was)
- ◆ Hice (I did/made)
- ◆ Estuve (I was [temp])
- ◆ Visité (I visited)
- ◆ Comí (I ate)

FUTURE TENSE (NEAR/SIMPLE):

- ◆ Voy a ir (I am going to go)
- ◆ Voy a comprar (I am going to buy)
- ◆ Estaré (I will be)

2. JUSTIFYING IDEAS: THE 'WHY?' PILLAR

Use a wide range of adverbs and justifications to develop your opinions and ideas fully (e.g., es muy aburrido is not enough—say why).

OPINION STARTERS:

- ◆ Pienso que... (I think that...)
- ◆ Me parece que... (It seems to me that...)
- ◆ Para mí, es... (For me, it is...)

JUSTIFICATIONS (WHY?):

- ◆ porque es/era... (because it is/was...)
- ◆ dado que... (given that...)

◆ **lo mejor es que... (the best thing is that...)**

ADVERBS/ADJECTIVES:

◆ **Genial (Great)**

◆ **Estresante (Stressful)**

◆ **Interesante (Interesting)**

◆ **Demasiado (Too much)**

"Combine a complex structure (P. 26) with a past or future tense (P. 27). This simple pairing is the gold standard for your 90-word response."