

Photo Card: Conversation Hub

20 MARKS

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The "Unprepared" Conversation Strategy

Remember: You have 6-7 minutes (Higher) or 4-5 minutes (Foundation) for the whole discussion.

The 15 minutes of preparation time is your chance to arm yourself with high-value points. Don't predict questions; prepare complex language related to the theme that you can introduce whenever possible!

The 3-Point Conversational Armour Plan (AO3 Focus)

Allocate your preparation time to planning three distinct, multi-sentence points to maximize your score for tenses and complexity.

1. The Past Tense Point

Focus: A memory, event, or past opinion related to the Photo Card's theme.

Purpose: Guarantees you use a past time frame (essential for high AO3 marks).

*Key Phrases: *El fin de semana pasado*, *Cuando era joven*, *Fui/Hice/Comí...**

2. The Future/Conditional Point

Focus: Plans, dreams, ideals, or hypothetical situations related to the theme.

Purpose: Guarantees you use a future or conditional time frame (essential for high AO3 marks).

*Key Phrases: *Voy a ir*, *Me gustaría*, *Si pudiera, viajaría...**

3. The Complex/Opinion Point (AO1 & AO3)

Focus: A developed opinion on a social, ethical, or current affairs aspect of the theme. This must be a long, detailed answer.

Purpose: Shows fluency, complex structures (*although, despite*), and gives lots of information (AO1).

*Key Phrases: *A pesar de que*, *Aunque*, *Es importante que (+ subj.)**

Practice Template: Conversation Notes

Theme: _____ / Topic: _____

1. PAST TENSE POINT:

2. FUTURE/CONDITIONAL POINT:

3. COMPLEX OPINION POINT:

Next is Page 26: Photo Card Practice Card 1 (Theme 1).