

## 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).