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Expresiones, significado y ejemplos para Write an Email y Academic Discussion

Dar tu postura (Stating your position)

Dónde usarlo: Academic Discussion

EXPRESIÓN	SIGNIFICADO	EJEMPLO
☐ In my view,	En mi opinión,	In my view, first-year students should be required to live on campus.
☐ From my perspective,	Desde mi punto de vista,	From my perspective, online classes work best for students who already have strong study habits.
☐ I firmly believe that	Estoy convencido de que	I firmly believe that schools should teach basic financial skills.
☐ I strongly agree that	Estoy totalmente de acuerdo en que	I strongly agree that cities should invest more in public transportation.
☐ I am inclined to think that	Me inclino a pensar que	I am inclined to think that a shorter school week would hurt younger students.
☐ As far as I am concerned,	En lo que a mí respecta,	As far as I am concerned, the benefits of social media outweigh the risks.
☐ It seems to me that	Me parece que	It seems to me that most students choose a major too early.
☐ My position is that	Mi postura es que	My position is that homework should be optional in elementary school.
☐ I would argue that	Yo diría que	I would argue that public libraries are more important now than ever.
☐ I am convinced that	Estoy convencido de que	I am convinced that group projects prepare students for real jobs.
☐ When it comes to	Cuando se trata de	When it comes to learning a language, daily practice matters more than talent.
☐ Personally,	Personalmente,	Personally, I prefer studying in a quiet library to studying at home.
☐ I tend to agree with the idea that	Tiendo a estar de acuerdo con la idea de que	I tend to agree with the idea that uniforms reduce peer pressure.
☐ There is no doubt that	No cabe duda de que	There is no doubt that smartphones have changed how teenagers communicate.

Dar razones (Giving reasons)

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☐ This is mainly because	Esto se debe principalmente a que	Many students skip breakfast. This is mainly because their first class starts too early.
☐ The main reason is that	La razón principal es que	The main reason is that students learn faster when they teach each other.
☐ The primary reason for this is	La razón principal de esto es	The primary reason for this is the high cost of living near campus.

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☐ One reason is that	Una razón es que	One reason is that remote work saves employees hours of commuting.
☐ Another reason is that	Otra razón es que	Another reason is that small classes allow more questions.
☐ This is because	Esto es porque	Some companies ban phones in meetings. This is because people stop listening.
☐ due to	debido a	The event was canceled due to heavy rain.
☐ owing to	debido a	Owing to budget cuts, the library now closes at 6 p.m.
☐ since	ya que	Since most students work part-time, evening classes are very popular.
☐ given that	dado que	Given that tuition keeps rising, students need more scholarship options.
☐ in light of	a la luz de	In light of the new research, the school changed its start time.
☐ That is why	Por eso	Exercise improves focus. That is why I think schools need longer breaks.
☐ for the simple reason that	por la sencilla razón de que	I support the policy for the simple reason that it saves time.
☐ What makes this important is that	Lo que hace esto importante es que	What makes this important is that habits formed in college often last for life.
☐ I say this because	Lo digo porque	I say this because I saw the same problem in my own high school.

Explicar con más detalle (Explaining in more detail)

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☐ In detail,	En detalle,	In detail, the program pairs each new student with an older mentor for one semester.
☐ To be more specific,	Para ser más específico,	To be more specific, students spend about two hours a day on social media.
☐ In other words,	En otras palabras,	In other words, the rule protects students who cannot afford new devices.
☐ That is to say,	Es decir,	Teachers should be facilitators. That is to say, they should guide rather than lecture.
☐ To put it another way,	Dicho de otro modo,	To put it another way, cheap food is not really cheap if it makes us sick.
☐ What I mean is that	Lo que quiero decir es que	What I mean is that students need time to rest, not just more classes.
☐ More specifically,	Más concretamente,	More specifically, the app reminds users to review words they missed.
☐ To elaborate,	Para profundizar,	To elaborate, part-time jobs teach time management in a way classes cannot.
☐ Put simply,	En pocas palabras,	Put simply, the policy costs more than it saves.

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☐ This means that	testpracticelab.com/toefl-writing-transition-words-es/ © testpracticelab Esto significa que	This means that students would lose their only chance to practice speaking.
☐ In particular,	En particular,	In particular, first-generation students benefit from extra advising.
☐ Specifically,	Específicamente,	Specifically, the survey found that most users quit within a week.
☐ Namely,	A saber,	Two groups would benefit most, namely commuters and working parents.
☐ The point is that	La cuestión es que	The point is that technology should support teachers, not replace them.

Dar ejemplos (Giving examples)

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☐ For example,	Por ejemplo,	For example, my cousin learned to code entirely through free online courses.
☐ For instance,	Por ejemplo,	For instance, many museums now offer free virtual tours.
☐ To illustrate,	Para ilustrarlo,	To illustrate, a student who reads 20 minutes a day finishes about 15 books a year.
☐ such as	como	Outdoor activities such as hiking and cycling reduce stress.
☐ A good example of this is	Un buen ejemplo de esto es	A good example of this is Finland, where students have very little homework.
☐ Take ... as an example.	Tomemos ... como ejemplo.	Take my high school as an example. It banned phones, and grades went up.
☐ In my experience,	Según mi experiencia,	In my experience, study groups work only when someone sets clear goals.
☐ When I was in high school,	Cuando estaba en la secundaria,	When I was in high school, our teacher let us choose our own project topics.
☐ like	como	Small changes, like turning off notifications, can improve focus.
☐ including	incluyendo	The club offers many activities, including weekend hikes and film nights.
☐ Consider	Pensemos en	Consider how much time students spend commuting to campus each week.
☐ Imagine	Imagina	Imagine a student who has to work 30 hours a week while studying full-time.
☐ to name a few	por nombrar algunos	Cafes, libraries, and parks, to name a few, all offer free Wi-Fi now.
☐ As an illustration,	A modo de ejemplo,	As an illustration, the city's bike-sharing program cut car trips by a noticeable amount.

Añadir ideas (Adding a point)

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☐ In addition,	Además,	In addition, living on campus makes it easier to join clubs.
☐ Moreover,	Además,	Moreover, the new schedule gives teachers more time to plan.
☐ Furthermore,	Asimismo,	Furthermore, online courses let students review lectures as often as they need.
☐ Also,	También,	Also, public transportation is better for the environment.
☐ On top of that,	Encima de eso,	On top of that, the program is completely free for students.
☐ Besides,	Además,	Besides, most students already own a laptop.
☐ What is more,	Es más,	What is more, the library stays open until midnight during exams.
☐ Not only ... but also	No solo ... sino también	Not only does exercise improve health, but it also boosts concentration.
☐ Along with	Junto con	Along with lower costs, remote work offers more flexibility.
☐ As well as	así como	Tutors help with writing as well as with test preparation.
☐ Another point to consider is	Otro punto a considerar es	Another point to consider is the cost of maintaining the new buildings.
☐ Equally important,	Igualmente importante,	Equally important, students need someone to talk to when they struggle.
☐ Additionally,	Adicionalmente,	Additionally, I would like to ask whether the deadline can be extended.
☐ Not to mention	Por no mencionar	The commute is long, not to mention expensive.

Contrastar y conceder (Contrasting and conceding)

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☐ However,	Sin embargo,	Some people think homework is useless. However, it builds discipline.
☐ On the other hand,	Por otro lado,	Living alone is expensive. On the other hand, it teaches responsibility.
☐ Although	Aunque	Although online classes are flexible, many students feel isolated.
☐ Even though	Aunque	Even though the plan costs more, it will save money in the long run.
☐ While	Si bien	While technology helps, it cannot replace a good teacher.
☐ Nevertheless,	No obstante,	The rule is unpopular. Nevertheless, it keeps students safe.
☐ Despite	A pesar de	Despite the high cost, many families choose private tutoring.
☐ In contrast,	En cambio,	City schools have large classes. In contrast, rural schools are often very small.
☐ Instead,	En su lugar,	Schools should not ban phones. Instead, they should teach students to use them wisely.
☐ Admittedly,	Hay que admitir que	Admittedly, the policy will be difficult to enforce at first.

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☐ It is true that ..., but	Es cierto que ..., pero	It is true that dorms are expensive, but they save students time and travel costs.
☐ That being said,	Dicho esto,	Online learning is convenient. That being said, it requires strong self-control.
☐ Even so,	Aun así,	The new library is far from the dorms. Even so, students use it every day.
☐ Rather than	En lugar de	Rather than banning junk food, schools should offer healthier options.
☐ Whereas	mientras que	Some students like group work, whereas others prefer to study alone.
☐ Conversely,	Por el contrario,	Strict rules can reduce cheating. Conversely, they can also reduce trust.

Responder a los compañeros (Responding to classmates)

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☐ I agree with ... that	Estoy de acuerdo con ... en que	I agree with Kelly that living on campus helps students make friends.
☐ I understand ...'s point about ..., but	Entiendo el punto de ... sobre ..., pero	I understand Andrew's point about cost, but the benefits are worth it.
☐ While ... makes a good point,	Aunque ... tiene razón en algo,	While Maria makes a good point about safety, I think the rule goes too far.
☐ Building on ...'s idea,	A partir de la idea de ...,	Building on Daniel's idea, schools could also offer weekend workshops.
☐ ... raises an interesting point, but	... plantea un punto interesante, pero	Emily raises an interesting point, but she overlooks the cost to taxpayers.
☐ I see where ... is coming from, but	Entiendo de dónde viene ..., pero	I see where Jason is coming from, but not every student can afford a laptop.
☐ Unlike ..., I believe that	A diferencia de ..., creo que	Unlike Sarah, I believe that exams are still the fairest way to measure learning.
☐ I partly agree with ..., but	Estoy parcialmente de acuerdo con ..., pero	I partly agree with Tom, but I think the rule should apply only to younger students.
☐ Like ..., I think	Al igual que ..., creo que	Like Kevin, I think teachers should give fewer but better assignments.
☐ ... overlooks the fact that	... pasa por alto que	Andrew overlooks the fact that many dorms offer financial aid.
☐ What ... does not mention is	Lo que ... no menciona es	What Lisa does not mention is how long the training would take.
☐ To add to ...'s argument,	Para sumar al argumento de ...,	To add to Chris's argument, smaller classes also reduce noise and stress.
☐ I would go further than ... and say	Iría más allá que ... y diría	I would go further than Anna and say that the policy should be national.
☐ Both ... and ... make valid points, but	Tanto ... como ... tienen razón, pero	Both Kelly and Andrew make valid points, but I lean toward Kelly's side.

Mostrar resultados (Showing results)

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☐ As a result,	Como resultado,	The cafeteria added healthy options. As a result, fewer students eat off campus.
☐ Therefore,	Por lo tanto,	The bus is often late. Therefore, students should be allowed some flexibility.
☐ Consequently,	En consecuencia,	Prices rose sharply. Consequently, many students moved back home.
☐ Thus,	Así,	The test is shorter. Thus, students have less time to recover from mistakes.
☐ As a consequence,	Como consecuencia,	As a consequence, the city had to close two libraries.
☐ This leads to	Esto conduce a	Less sleep leads to lower grades and more stress.
☐ This results in	Esto da como resultado	Skipping practice results in slower progress.
☐ Because of this,	Por esto,	Because of this, many students never ask for help.
☐ For this reason,	Por esta razón,	For this reason, I think the school should keep the program.
☐ so	así que	The library was full, so we studied in a cafe.
☐ Hence,	De ahí que	The data is incomplete. Hence, the conclusion may be wrong.
☐ which means that	lo que significa que	The deadline moved up, which means that we have only two days left.
☐ In turn,	A su vez,	Better sleep improves focus, and focus, in turn, improves grades.
☐ As a result of	Como resultado de	As a result of the new policy, attendance went up.

Comparar (Comparing)

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☐ Similarly,	De manera similar,	Libraries offer quiet space. Similarly, study cafes give students a place to focus.
☐ Likewise,	Del mismo modo,	Teachers need feedback. Likewise, students need clear goals.
☐ In the same way,	De la misma manera,	In the same way, companies benefit when workers rest.
☐ Compared to	En comparación con	Compared to ten years ago, students today read far fewer printed books.
☐ Just as ..., so	Así como ..., también	Just as athletes need rest, so do students before exams.
☐ Unlike	A diferencia de	Unlike traditional classes, online courses can be taken at any time.
☐ much more ... than	mucho más ... que	Group study is much more effective than studying alone for some subjects.
☐ By comparison,	En comparación,	Bikes are cheap to maintain. By comparison, cars cost thousands each year.

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☐ the same is true of	lo mismo ocurre con	Exercise improves mood, and the same is true of spending time outdoors.
☐ is far better than	es mucho mejor que	Learning by doing is far better than memorizing rules.

Condiciones e hipótesis (Conditions and what-ifs)

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☐ If ..., then	Si ..., entonces	If schools start later, then students will sleep more.
☐ Unless	A menos que	Unless the city adds more buses, traffic will keep getting worse.
☐ As long as	Siempre y cuando	Phones are fine in class as long as students use them for research.
☐ Provided that	Siempre que	Remote work can succeed, provided that teams meet regularly.
☐ Otherwise,	De lo contrario,	Students need breaks. Otherwise, they lose focus quickly.
☐ In that case,	En ese caso,	Some students cannot attend in person. In that case, recorded lectures help.
☐ Without	Sin	Without clear rules, group projects become unfair.
☐ If this happens,	Si esto sucede,	Funding may be cut. If this happens, the program will close.
☐ Even if	Incluso si	Even if the course is optional, most students would take it.
☐ Suppose that	Supongamos que	Suppose that every student had a personal tutor. Grades would rise quickly.

Enfatizar (Adding emphasis)

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☐ Indeed,	De hecho,	Sleep matters. Indeed, it may matter more than extra study hours.
☐ In fact,	De hecho,	Many people think cycling is slow. In fact, it is often faster in city traffic.
☐ Above all,	Sobre todo,	Above all, students need teachers who believe in them.
☐ Most importantly,	Lo más importante,	Most importantly, the policy protects students' mental health.
☐ Clearly,	Claramente,	Clearly, the old system is not working.
☐ Obviously,	Obviamente,	Obviously, no single rule will solve the problem.
☐ It is worth noting that	Cabe señalar que	It is worth noting that the program is already used in several countries.
☐ Especially	Especialmente	Especially for younger students, routine is very important.
☐ Undoubtedly,	Sin duda,	Undoubtedly, the internet has made research easier.
☐ The key point is that	El punto clave es que	The key point is that students learn best when they are curious.

Ordenar las ideas (Ordering your points)

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☐ First of all,	En primer lugar,	First of all, I want to thank you for your quick reply.
☐ To begin with,	Para empezar,	To begin with, uniforms save families money.
☐ Firstly, / Secondly,	Primero, / Segundo,	Firstly, the plan is cheap. Secondly, it is easy to start.
☐ Next,	A continuación,	Next, I would like to ask about the meeting time.
☐ Then,	Luego,	We could meet at the library. Then, we could go to the lab together.
☐ After that,	Después de eso,	After that, I will send you the final draft.
☐ Finally,	Por último,	Finally, I would appreciate it if you could confirm the date.
☐ Lastly,	Por último,	Lastly, the program builds confidence.
☐ To start with,	Para empezar,	To start with, the room is too small for our group.
☐ At the same time,	Al mismo tiempo,	At the same time, we should listen to students' concerns.
☐ Meanwhile,	Mientras tanto,	I will finish the slides. Meanwhile, could you check the data?
☐ Before that,	Antes de eso,	Before that, I need to finish my lab report.

Cerrar la respuesta (Wrapping up)

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☐ Overall,	En general,	Overall, the benefits of the program clearly outweigh the costs.
☐ For these reasons,	Por estas razones,	For these reasons, I support Kelly's view.
☐ That is why I believe	Por eso creo que	That is why I believe schools should start later.
☐ All things considered,	Teniendo todo en cuenta,	All things considered, online learning is a good option for adults.
☐ In the end,	Al final,	In the end, the choice should belong to the students.
☐ Ultimately,	En última instancia,	Ultimately, a good teacher matters more than any technology.
☐ To sum up,	En resumen,	To sum up, uniforms save money and reduce pressure.
☐ In short,	En resumen,	In short, the plan is cheap, fast, and fair.
☐ In conclusion,	En conclusión,	In conclusion, I believe the city should invest in bike lanes.
☐ This is why	Por esto	This is why I would choose the second option.
☐ On balance,	En conjunto,	On balance, the rule does more good than harm.
☐ Taking everything into account,	Tomando todo en cuenta,	Taking everything into account, I would support the proposal.

Frases para el correo (Email-only phrases)

Dónde usarlo: Email

EXPRESIÓN	SIGNIFICADO	EJEMPLO
☐ I am writing to	Le escribo para	I am writing to ask about the summer research program.

EXPRESIÓN	SIGNIFICADO	EJEMPLO
☐ I am writing about	Le escribo acerca de	I am writing about a used textbook I bought last week.
☐ I hope this message finds you well.	Espero que se encuentre bien.	Dear Professor Kim, I hope this message finds you well.
☐ I would like to	Me gustaría	I would like to request a short extension on my essay.
☐ Could you please	¿Podría por favor	Could you please tell me when the office opens?
☐ Would it be possible to	¿Sería posible	Would it be possible to move our meeting to Friday?
☐ I would appreciate it if you could	Le agradecería que pudiera	I would appreciate it if you could send me the reading list.
☐ Unfortunately,	Lamentablemente,	Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday.
☐ The problem is that	El problema es que	The problem is that the heater in my room stopped working.
☐ As you may know,	Como usted sabe,	As you may know, the project is due next Friday.
☐ I was wondering if	Me preguntaba si	I was wondering if there are any spots left in the workshop.
☐ In addition to this,	Además de esto,	In addition to this, I would like to know the total cost.
☐ As a result of this,	Como consecuencia de esto,	As a result of this, I missed the first two classes.
☐ I would be happy to	Con gusto	I would be happy to help with the event setup.
☐ Please let me know if	Por favor, avísame si	Please let me know if you need any more information.
☐ Thank you for	Gracias por	Thank you for your help with my application.
☐ I look forward to	Quedo a la espera de	I look forward to hearing from you.
☐ Thank you in advance for	Gracias de antemano por	Thank you in advance for your time.
☐ If it is not too much trouble,	Si no es mucha molestia,	If it is not too much trouble, could you check my registration?
☐ I apologize for	Le pido disculpas por	I apologize for the short notice.