

The GCSE Writing Exam

There are 4 sections in the Foundation writing exam + 3 in the Higher.

Photo descriptions

Keep it simple and say "there is / are ..." for each question.

- Hay = there is / there are
- Veo = I can see

40 word question

The best way to approach the 40-word task is to give **OPINIONS** on all the bullet points.

- lo que más me gusta es = what I like most is ...
- me encanta = I love
- me molesta = it annoys me
- me fastidia = it angers me
- lo que no me gusta es = what I don't like is ...
- no me interesa = it does not interest me
- no me importa = it does not matter to me
- Diría que ... = I would say that ...
- es = (it/she/he) is
- son = (they) are
- es aburrido/a = it is boring
- es divertido/a = it is fun



Translation into Spanish

Certain phrases appear time and time again:

- hay = there is / there are
- es = (it/she/he) is
- son = (they) are
- ir = to go
- voy (a) = I go (to) / I am going (to)
- hacer = to do
- hago = I do
- tener = to have
- tengo = I have
- tiene = (it/he/she) has

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90 word question

The following are key phrases that you can use in the different sections of the 90-word task:

OPINIONS

- **Creo que** = I think that • **Diría que** = I would say that
- **Mi padre *dice* que** = My dad says that
- **Mi madre *diría* que** = My mum *would* say that
- **... pero (no) estoy de acuerdo** = ... but I (do not) agree

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Present

Hago muchas cosas, por ejemplo suelo

PRESENT

= I do lots of things, for example I tend

Past

Hice muchas cosas, por ejemplo decidí ...

= I did a lot of things, for example I decided ...

Tuve la oportunidad de

= I had the opportunity

PAST

Future

Una cosa que **me gustaría hacer** es

= A thing that I would like to do is

Voy a hacer muchas cosas diferentes, por ejemplo **quiero** ..

= I am going to do lots of things, for example I want

FUTURE

- **ir** = to go
- **hacer** = to do
- **ver** = to see
- **ser** = to be
- **viajar** = to travel
- **trabajar** = to work

Essentials

- **Es** = (it/he/she) is **Son** = (they) are **Hay** = There is / There are
- **Fue** = (it/he/she) was
- **Será** = (it/he/she) will be