

Let's improve your Writing Skills - 2° Bachillerato

1. Choose the correct options.

- 1 The author starts **in / by** giving the background of the subject.
- 2 The text **deals / discusses** ways of encouraging people to act.
- 3 The text **says / describes** the various problems caused by the lack of funding.
- 4 The article is **of / about** ways to reduce the impact of deforestation.
- 5 The author points **out / at** the differences between the two methods.
- 6 According **to / of** the author, very little is being done to help.
- 7 The author **conclusions / concludes** that small changes in behaviour can reduce the impact.

2. Choose the correct options.

- 1 **At first / As soon as** I got home I switched on the TV and had a cup of coffee.
- 2 It was quite a dangerous journey but **in the end / lastly** we got home safely.
- 3 We had been living in Glasgow **for / during** about six years when I met him.
- 4 Ben jumped up and started singing, **then / soon** the teacher came in and we all started laughing.
- 5 At the **end / final** of the night everyone was exhausted and just wanted to go to bed.
- 6 I fell over at the top of the ski slope and **the next thing I knew / while** I was at the bottom.
- 7 It wasn't until **finally / afterwards** that we realised how expensive the tickets were.
- 8 We were very lucky that we had prepared the food **earlier / at first** so we weren't hungry.

3. Complete the sentences with the adverbs in the box.

absolutely completely confidently loosely particularly sadly

- 1 He stood on the stage _____ and spoke about his happy days at the school.
- 2 I was _____ certain that my keys were in my bag when I left the house.
- 3 My father hadn't turned the oven on, so the turkey was _____ frozen.
- 4 So, I tied the scarf _____ around my neck and walked out into the snow.
- 5 _____, our pet cat died the following week.
- 6 We were _____ interested in our grandfather's experiences during the war.

4. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- 1 Some Internet search engines have introduced fact checking so _____ users can avoid fake news.
- 2 Some people have stopped using social media entirely in _____ to escape fake news.
- 3 Internet service providers have started researching search control options with a _____ to aiding us to limit our exposure to fake news.

- 4 People should always check the origin of a news story, so as _____ to spread fake news.
- 5 The option to block some websites will be introduced with the _____ of reducing exposure to fake news without censorship.
- 6 So _____ to protect users from misinformation, social networks should check all news stories shared on their sites

5. Choose the correct options.

- 1 Some people think criminals should be forgiven, **provided / unless** they show genuine remorse.
- 2 I think that bank fraud should carry a heavy fine. **Moreover / However**, not everyone agrees.
- 3 **To sum up / Unless**, we believe that bigger fines will help to reduce these problems.
- 4 Judges should review every case. **That way / Moreover**, they will all be dealt with individually.
- 5 **Unless / Provided** something is done we will see more and more of these crimes.
- 6 **Provided / Personally**, I think that these crimes are a serious problem.
- 7 **According / Provided** to local residents, there has been an increase in vandalism in the area.

6. Choose the correct options.

- 1 I have been volunteering in a community centre **as a result of / so as to** gain experience working with old people.
- 2 **In spite of / Even though** studying most weekday evenings, I have still found time to help out at the local animal shelter.
- 3 **Initially / Eventually**, I worked at the library to earn a little money, but now I realise that I have a passion for books.
- 4 I would like to have the opportunity to work for you, **so / so as to** I can do something I think will really benefit the community.
- 5 **Even though / Despite** I did not finish the course, it gave me an insight into teaching.

7. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

although as as well as before following this in addition

- 1 I have a lot experience working with children _____ training in first aid.
- 2 I'm a very good communicator. _____, I have a high level of French.
- 3 _____ I've never had a full-time job, I have been volunteering at the local cultural centre.
- 4 I would like to have the opportunity to see another country _____ I start studying for a Master's degree.
- 5 I have my university entrance exams next week. _____, I am hoping to earn some money to help support myself during my studies.
- 6 I would have no problem speaking to clients in English _____ I have an Advanced Certificate in English Communication Skills.