

Las reglas - Rules

En mi colegio tenemos que llegar al tiempo.	In my school we have to arrive on time.
Debemos traer el material y respetar a los demás.	We must bring equipment and respect others
Hay que hacer los deberes	One/you must do homework
Podemos llevar maquillaje.	We can wear make-up
No debemos usar el móvil.	We must not use phones
Esta prohibido comer chicle.	It is forbidden to eat chewing gum
Pienso que las reglas son ridículas y estrictas.	I think that the rules are ridiculous and strict
En mi opinión, las reglas son importantes y esenciales.	In my opinion, the rules are important and essential
Creo que están basadas en el respeto a los demás.	I think they are based on respecting others.

Connectives:



Sin embargo – however
No obstante – nevertheless
Gracias a – thanks to
Debido a – because of
A causa de – as a result of
A pesar de esto – despite this
No solo...sino también – not only... but also
Además – also

Include a range of tenses:

Cuando era pequeño/a – when I was little
En primaria – in primary
Llevaba – I used to wear
Hacía – I used to do
Pensaba – I used to think
Era – it was
En el futuro – In the future
Llevaré – I will wear
Encontraré – I will find
Seguiré – I will continue
Cambiaría – I would change
Haría – I would do
Tendría – I would have

Un intercambio escolar – A school exchange

El año pasado hice un intercambio escolar	Last year I did a school exchange
Me gustó la experiencia porque aprendí mucho	I liked the experience because I learnt a lot
Mejoré mi español	I improved my Spanish
Visité muchos sitios diferentes	I visited lots of different sites
Conocí a personas nuevas	I met new people
Pienso que me ayudará a aprobar mis exámenes	I think that it will help me to pass my exams

Expressing opinions

- **Creo que** – I believe that
- **Pienso que** – I think that
- **A mi modo de ver** – in my view
- **Según yo** – according to me
- **A mi juicio** – in my view

Time phrases:

Primero – firstly
En general – generally
De vez en cuando – from time to time
A veces – sometimes
Siempre – always
Nunca – never
Cada día – every day
A fin de cuentas – ultimately

Aim high with complex sentences:
Si yo fuera director(a), se permitiría llevar joyas – If I were headteacher, you would be allowed to wear jewellery.
Si no hubiera reglas, sería caos – If there weren't rules, it would be chaos.
Aunque entiendo que necesitamos las reglas, a veces nos tratan como niños – Although I understand that we need rules, sometimes they treat us like children.

Expressing opinions

- **Lo que más me gusta** – What I like most
- **Lo importante es** – The important thing is
- **Estoy de acuerdo** – I agree
- **Estoy a favor/en contra de** – I am in favour of/against
- **Lo que no entiendo es** – What I don't understand is
- **Siempre he soñado con** – I have always dreamed of
- **Mi objetivo final es** – my ultimate goal is
- **Mi prioridad es** – my priority is
- **Me asusta** – scares me
- **Me apasiona** – excites me

Key vocab: Obligations

Debo/Debemos	I/We must
Debería/Deberíamos	I/We should
Es necesario	It is necessary to
Tengo/Tenemos que	I/We have to
Necesito/Necesitamos	I/We need to
Está prohibido	It is forbidden
Puedo/Podemos	I/We can

All of these structures are followed by the infinitive:
e.g. Debemos hacer los deberes = We must do homework

Aim high with complex sentences:

Aunque sea útil, creo que la informática es monotoná. – Although it will be useful, I think that IT is boring.

No creo que haya una asignatura más interesante que el español – I don't think there's a subject more interesting than Spanish.

Lo bueno es que he elegido lo que disfruto – the good thing is that I have chosen what I enjoy.

¡Será una pesadilla! – it will be a nightmare!

Si hago mis deberes, sacaré buenas notas - If I do my homework, I will get good grades

Ahora necesito trabajar para realizar mis sueños – Now I need to work to achieve my dreams.

Present	
Estudio	I study
Estudia	He/She studies
Estudiamos	We study
Past (preterite)	
Estudié	I studied
Estudió	He/She studied
Estudiamos	We studied
Past (imperfect)	
Estudiaba	I used to study
Estudiaba	He/She used to study
Estudiábamos	We used to study
Future	
Voy a estudiar	I'm going to study
Va a estudiar	He/She is going to study
Vamos a estudiar	We're going to study
Conditional	
Estudiaría	I would study
Estudiaría	He/She would study
Estudiaríamos	We would study