

## Opening - Introduction

### Spanish

En este ensayo/tesis analizaré/investigaré/evaluaré...

General opening for an essay/thesis

Para responder esta pregunta, nos enfocaremos en...

To introduce a specific area of a subject on which you shall focus

La idea de... ha preocupado a los expertos desde hace algún tiempo.

General opening to introduce a subject

Ya es bien sabido que...

General opening to introduce a subject that is well-known

Mucho se ha escrito sobre...

General opening to introduce a subject

Actualmente se concuerda en términos generales con...

General opening to introduce a subject that is generally agreed upon, but which you would like to question

Examinaremos los factores...

Developing your opening to describe exactly what your thesis involves

Nos basaremos en este análisis para identificar...

Developing your opening to describe exactly what your thesis involves

Un tema persistente en... es...

Introducing the main themes

Como fenómeno empírico,... ha sido observado repetidamente.

To emphasize the importance of your study

### English

**In this essay/paper/thesis I shall examine/investigate/evaluate/analyze...**

**To answer this question, we begin by taking a closer look at...**

**The question, whether...has been preoccupying the experts for some time.**

**It is a well-known fact that...**

**A great deal is being written and said about...**

**It is generally agreed today that...**

**We then review the factors...**

**We build on this analysis to identify...**

**A persistent theme in...is...**

**As an empirical phenomenon, ... has been observed repeatedly.**

# Academic Opening

En este contexto, la interrogante central que da pie a este trabajo es...

Specific statement saying what your study is about, comes after general background information

**Against this background, the central question that motivates this paper is: ...**

Esta investigación explora las causas de...

Specific statement of intention for your research

**This research explores the causes of...**

Los autores de los más recientes estudios han propuesto que...

Used to present the current academic thinking around your chosen subject

**The authors of more recent studies have proposed that...**

Tenemos como propósito...

Used to state the main aims of the study

**Our purpose is to...**

Al analizar empíricamente..., esperamos generar un mejor entendimiento de...

Used to describe your method and introduce the central aspect of the study

**By empirically examining..., we hope to produce a more complete understanding of...**

## Opening - Definition

### Spanish

...es por definición...

Used to define a certain word

### English

**By definition... means...**

Para efectos de este ensayo, el término... se definirá como...

Used to define a certain word

**For the purposes of this essay, the term... will be taken to mean...**

Es importante entender correctamente la definición de...

Used to define a certain word

**It is important to be clear about the definition of...**

El término... se refiere a...

Used to define a certain word

**The term... refers to...**

El modelo estándar sugiere que... podría ser definido(a) como...

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

**The standard model suggests that... can be defined as...**

De acuerdo con..., ... se define como...

**According to..., ...is defined as...**

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

... puede ser definido(a) de muchas formas. Algunos sostienen que el término denota...

**...may be defined in many ways. Some people argue that the term denotes...**

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

... se entiende como...

**...is commonly understood to mean...**

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

Cuando hablamos de... generalmente pensamos en...

**What we usually have in mind when we talk about... is...**

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

Dos cortos ejemplos podrían aclarar este concepto.

**Two brief examples might clarify this concept.**

A statement, after which you can use examples to define an idea

Es importante enfatizar...

**It is important to emphasize...**

Used when wanting to draw attention to your definition

Nuestro punto de enfoque será...

**Our focus is on...**

A casual way to define a certain word

Finalmente, quisiéramos aclarar la definición de...

**Finally, we should clarify our definition of...**

Used towards the end of a paragraph, in order to define a certain word

Queremos decir...

**What we mean is that...**

Used to further explain a definition or give examples of that definition

Se han ofrecido varias explicaciones...

**Several explanations have been offered.**

A statement, after which you can further explain your definition

Podemos decir que estas explicaciones tienen su base en...

**We can characterize these explanations as being rooted in...**

Used to clarify the basis for your definition

# Academic Opening

Estas explicaciones se complementan y ayudan a aclarar el fenómeno de...

**These explanations complement each other and help to illuminate the phenomenon of...**

Used after having given two similar examples, which together can be used to define a word

Basados en las afirmaciones de X, los expertos han alegado que...

**Following..., scholars have argued that ...**

Used when there is one clear expert in your field, but others have contributed towards his definition

## Opening - Hypothesis

### Spanish

La principal interrogante sería: ¿Cómo podría afectar...

Used to present the main hypothesis

### English

**The central question then becomes: how might... affect...?**

Dada la evidencia en el caso de..., parece dar lugar a un análisis de los factores que tienen efecto en...

**Given this evidence for..., an examination of the factors that impact upon... seems warranted.**

Used to present the main hypothesis

Hace más de una década, ... y... comenzaron un debate centrándose en la interrogante de si...

**Over a decade ago, ... and... started a debate centering on this question: whether...**

Used to present the main hypothesis

Esta investigación se ocupa de... por medio del desarrollo y la experimentación con una serie de hipótesis que indican cómo... afecta...

**This research addresses... by developing and testing a series of hypotheses indicating how... affects...**

Used to present the main hypothesis

Siguiendo los argumentos establecidos por X, podemos suponer que...

**Thus, following the reasoning set forth by..., we hypothesize that...**

Used to present the main hypothesis

Algunos de estos argumentos han sido formalizados por X, pero ninguno ha sido aún puesto a prueba.

**Some of these arguments have been formalized by..., but none have been tested.**

Used to introduce the hypothesis and state that your study is unique

La evidencia arrojada por estos estudios sugiere una variedad de factores relacionados con...

**The evidence from these studies suggests a variety of factors related to...**

Used to present the factors relevant to your study and your hypothesis

# Academic Opening

X encontró una relación significativa entre... y ...

**...found a significant correlation between... and...**

Used to point out someone else's work, which has relevance to your own

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