

## IELTS Academic: Writing Task 1

### Static Information

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The diagram below shows the final medal table from the London Olympic Games in 2012.*

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words

2012 Olympics medal table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States (USA)	46	29	29	104
2	China (CHN)	38	27	23	88
3	Great Britain (GBR)	29	17	19	65
4	Russia (RUS)	24	26	32	82
5	South Korea (KOR)	13	8	7	28
6	Germany (GER)	11	19	14	44
7	France (FRA)	11	11	12	34
8	Italy (ITA)	8	9	11	28
9	Hungary (HUN)	8	4	5	17
10	Australia (AUS)	7	16	12	35

Illustrated in the table is the ten most successful countries that competed at the London Olympics of 2012 in terms of medals won. Overall, the countries were ranked according to the number of gold medals they attained rather than the sum of all medals, with the USA positioned at number one in both categories.

China was placed second with 38 gold medals, which was eight less than the USA, achieving 88 medals in total. Additionally, Great Britain and Russia took the third and fourth places with 29 and 24 gold medals, respectively. Russia, however, surpassed Great Britain by 17 in the total number of medals won as well as gaining the greatest number of bronze medals with 32.

Ranked tenth was Australia with the fewest number of gold medals at seven. Although Hungary gained ninth position with eight gold medals, their 17 medals in total were less than half of Australia's 35

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