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**Sample Answers for all IELTS Task 1
diagrams & Task 2 Essays**

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Writing Task 1

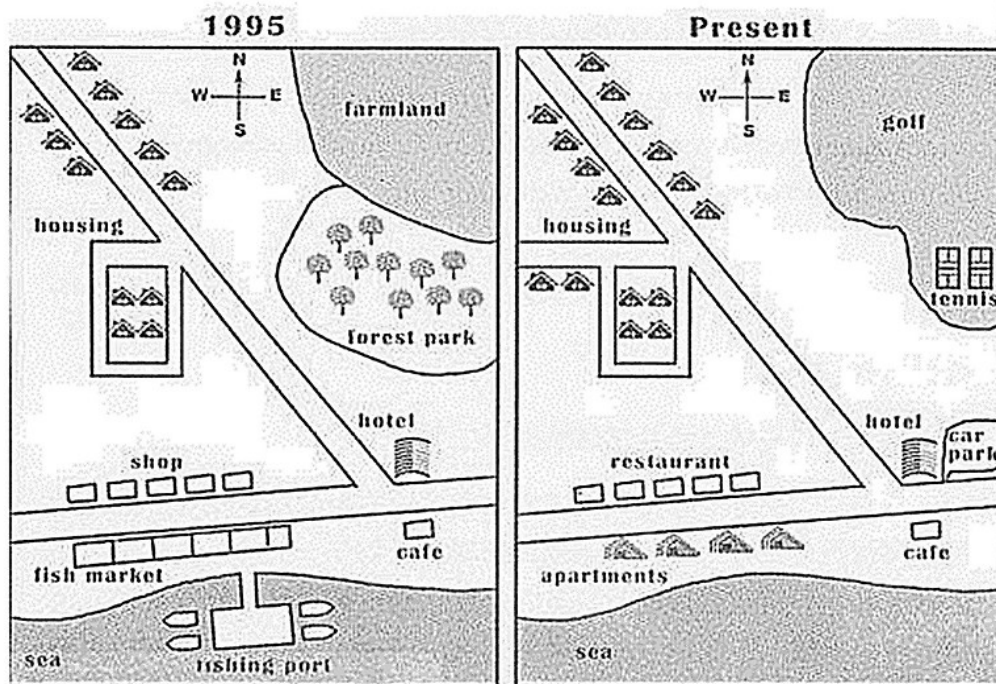
Maps: Past to Present

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the changes to the town of Seaville.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the maps is the redevelopment of the town of Seaville from 1995 until the present day. Overall, the town has changed considerably, especially with the development of the leisure facilities in the north east.

The most noticeable change to Seaville since 1995 is the construction of a golf course and tennis courts, that have replaced the forest park and agricultural area. Another striking difference is the reconstruction of the sea front in the south, that includes the complete demolition of the fishing port. Additionally, the fish market in the south west has been replaced with apartments. The café, however, located in the south east, has remained unchanged.

All the retail facilities, specifically the shops, in the southwest have been converted into restaurants but the hotel has remained and added a car park to the east of the building. The residential facilities in the north west have been expanded with a few additional housing units being added to the existing ones.

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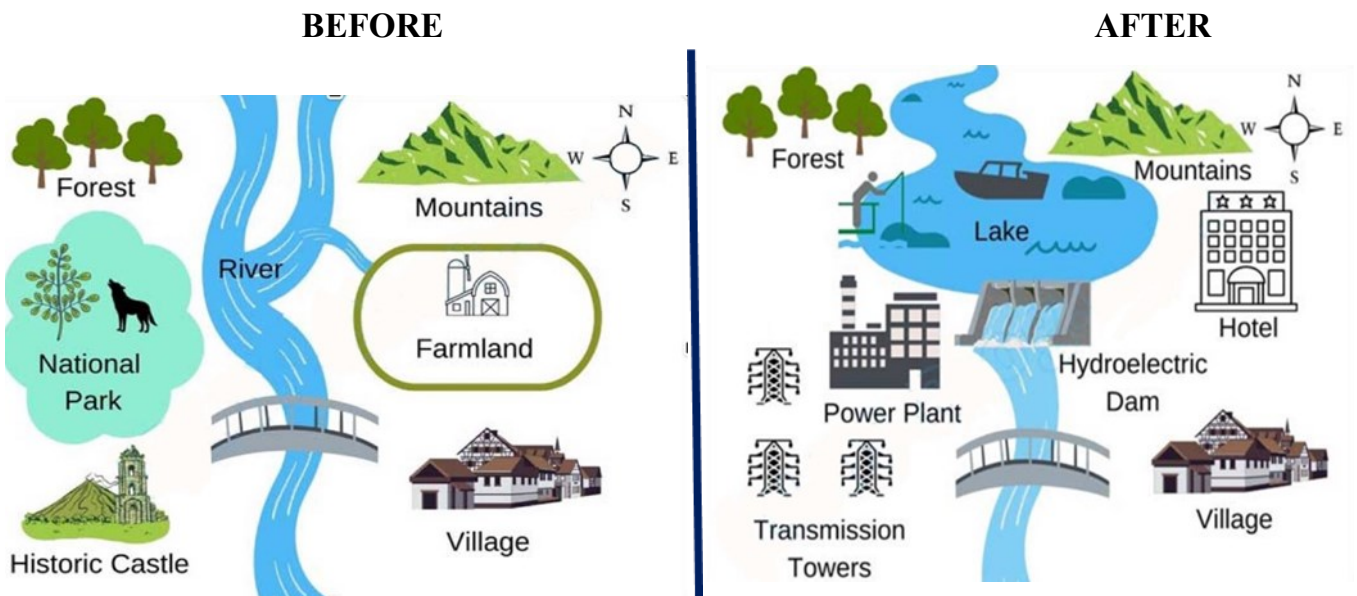
Maps: Past to Present

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below describe an area before and after the construction of a hydroelectric power plant.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the pictures are the changes that have taken place in an area after a hydroelectric dam was constructed. Overall, the region has changed considerably, especially with the creation of a sizable lake in the north.

Previously, a river, which irrigated the farmland, ran through the region from north to south. After the erection of the dam however, the river now only flows through the southern part of the area and a large lake has been created to the north. This lake provides leisure opportunities such as fishing and boating, as well as generating hydroelectric power.

West of the river, the national park and the castle have been replaced by a power plant and towers that conduct the electricity to consumers, while a hotel has replaced the farmland in the east. The village in the south-east along with the bridge that spans the river in the south, have remained unchanged, while in the north, the forest and mountains remain have also remained untouched.

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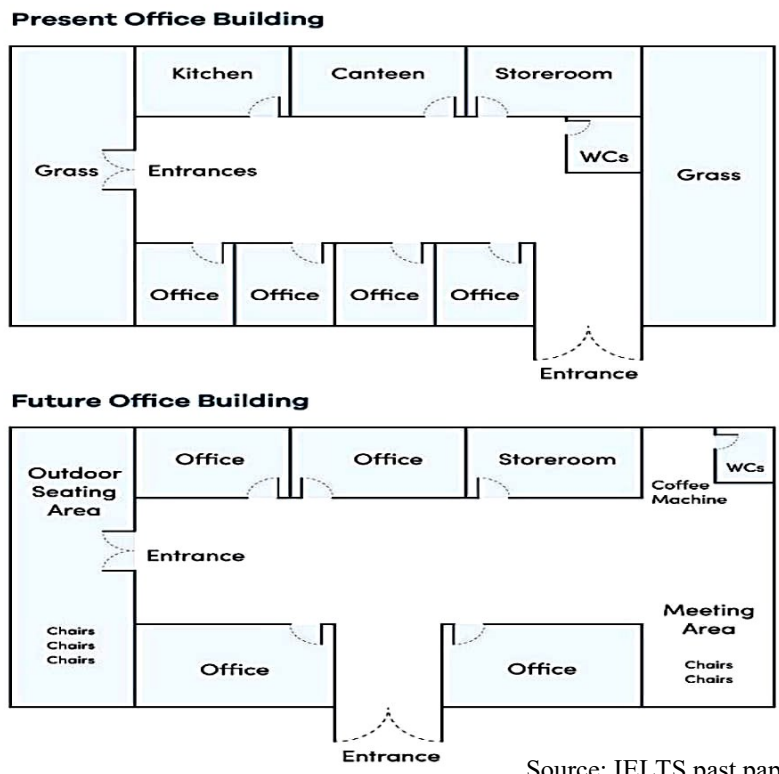
Maps: Present to Future

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the proposed changes to an office building.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the maps is the existing structure and planned renovation of an office complex. Overall, extensive changes are proposed particularly regarding the re-development of the grass areas at either side of the building.

The grass area, currently located on the right of the building, will be changed to a meeting area and the WCs are proposed to be moved from its present location to the back right of the new complex. On the opposite side, the grass will be converted into a seating area. Additionally, another significant change is the relocation of the entrance from the right side to the center of the building.

In the central interior, the four small offices at the front will be remodeled into two larger ones, located on either side of the entrance. Furthermore, the canteen and kitchen at the rear are planned to be renovated into additional offices and a coffee machine will be installed next to the WCs, while the only room to remain unchanged will be the storeroom.

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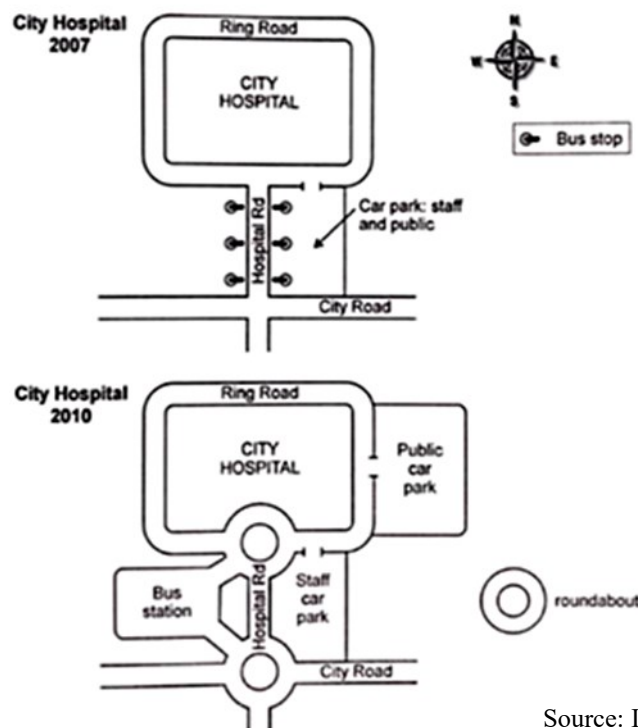
Maps: Past

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The two maps below show road access to a city hospital in 2007 and in 2010.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The redevelopment of the road system at a hospital in the city, over a three-year period, is illustrated in the diagrams. Overall, the transport infrastructure was significantly reconstructed, especially with the expansion of parking facilities.

In 2007 there was a singular car park, east of Hospital Road, which served hospital employees and the public. By 2010, however, this was restricted to staff only, while additional parking for the public was opened to the east of the main hospital building. Access for vehicles to and from the hospital was considerably transformed, with the construction of two roundabouts north and south of Hospital Road.

Another major transformation was the improvement in public transport facilities at the hospital complex. Specifically, the six bus stops that were located on Hospital Road were removed and a large bus station was built to the south-east of the hospital that was connected to the two new roundabouts.

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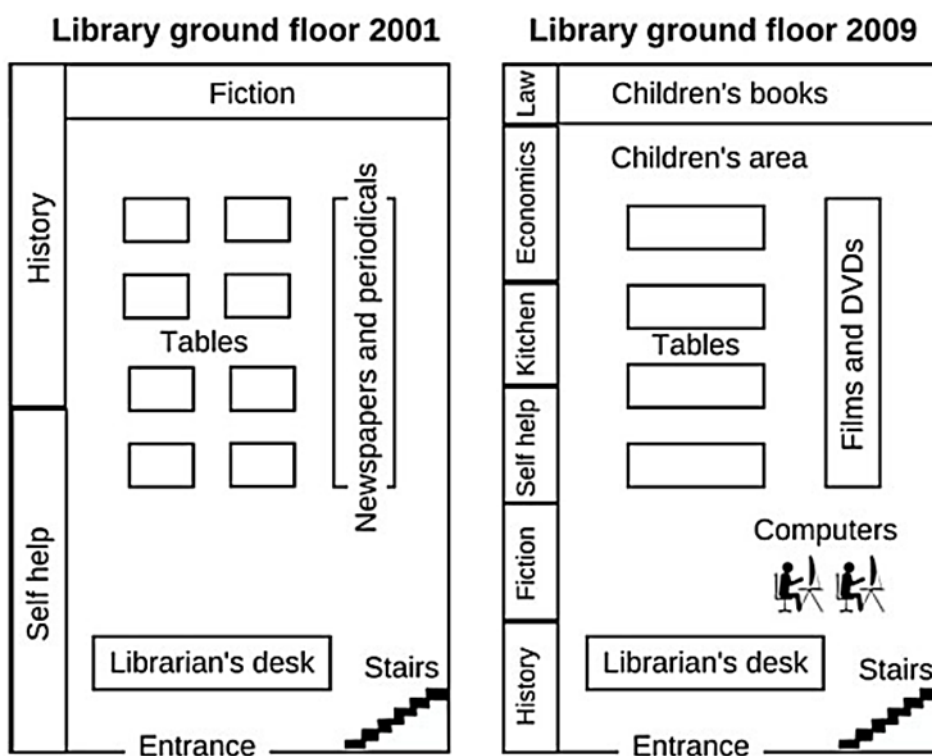
Maps: Past

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The plans below show the layout of the ground floor of a school library in 2001 and how it changed as a result of renovations in 2009.

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

Write at least 150 words



Illustrated in the plans is the original layout of a library in a school in 2001 and its refurbishment in 2009. Overall, there were significant changes, particularly with the addition of several new categories of books.

On the right behind the librarian's desk, which had not been moved, the newspapers and magazines section was replaced by movies and DVDs, and additionally, computers were installed behind the front desk. There used to be eight small tables in the center of the room, but these were converted into four large ones and behind these, a children's area was added.

At the back of the facility there was a section for children's books, which had been formerly allocated to fiction books. The most noticeable change to the library was the expansion of book categories on the left of the room. In 2001 there were only two types of books available, history and self-help however, by 2009 four new book categories were added.

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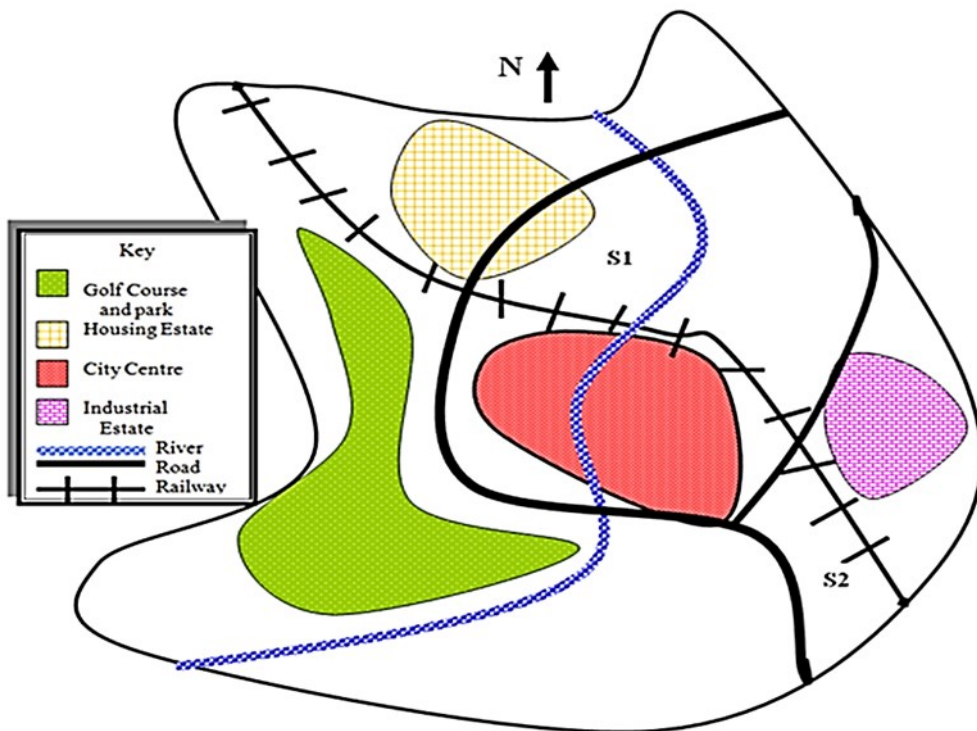
Single map

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The local council of Foxfield town plan to build a new shopping mall and two possible sites, S1 and S2 are being considered.

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

Write at least 150 words



Illustrated in the map are the sites under consideration by the local council as the location for a new shopping mall in Foxfield. Overall, there are two proposed locations, with S1 in the north and S2 in the south east of the town.

The S1 site, just north of the city center, is very close to the main housing estate which means that it would be easy to access for the residents. Additionally, it is located between the main road and railway line, which would provide access for non-residents of the town. Furthermore, it is west of the river which would mean a picturesque location.

In comparison, the alternative site, S2 south east of the city center, is located closer to the main road and railway line thus offering access to those using these forms of transport. It is, however, next to the large industrial area which could raise issues of air pollution and is considerably farther from the town’s residential area than S1.

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Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

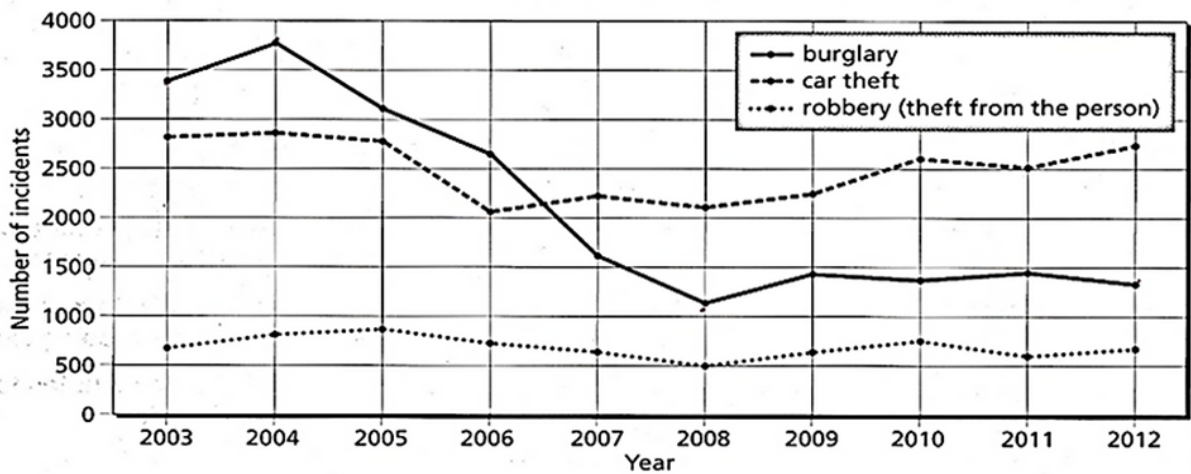
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the changes that took place in three different areas of crime in Newport city centre from 2003–2012.

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

Write at least 150 words.

The changing rates of crime in the inner city from 2003–2012



Source: IELTS past paper

The rates of 3 different types of crime, from 2003 to 2012, are depicted in the line graph. Overall, there was a decrease in 2 categories, burglary and car theft, while the rate for robbery remained unchanged.

After an initial increase from roughly 3,400 to 3,800, from 2003 to 2004, there was a significant decline in the burglary rate from 2004 until 2008, from nearly 3700 incidents to around 1,100. After this dramatic drop, the rate fluctuated from 2008 to 2012 and finished at approximately 1,400 incidents in 2012.

In comparison, the robbery rate witnessed a steady fall in numbers from about 900 to 500 incidents over a 3-year period beginning in 2005 and ending in 2008. Additionally, there was a sharp decrease in the car theft rate in one year, from 2005 to 2006, dropping by approximately 1,700 incidents, from 2,700 to 2,000. Subsequently, the number of thefts varied until 2012 with the last recorded number being roughly 2,600.

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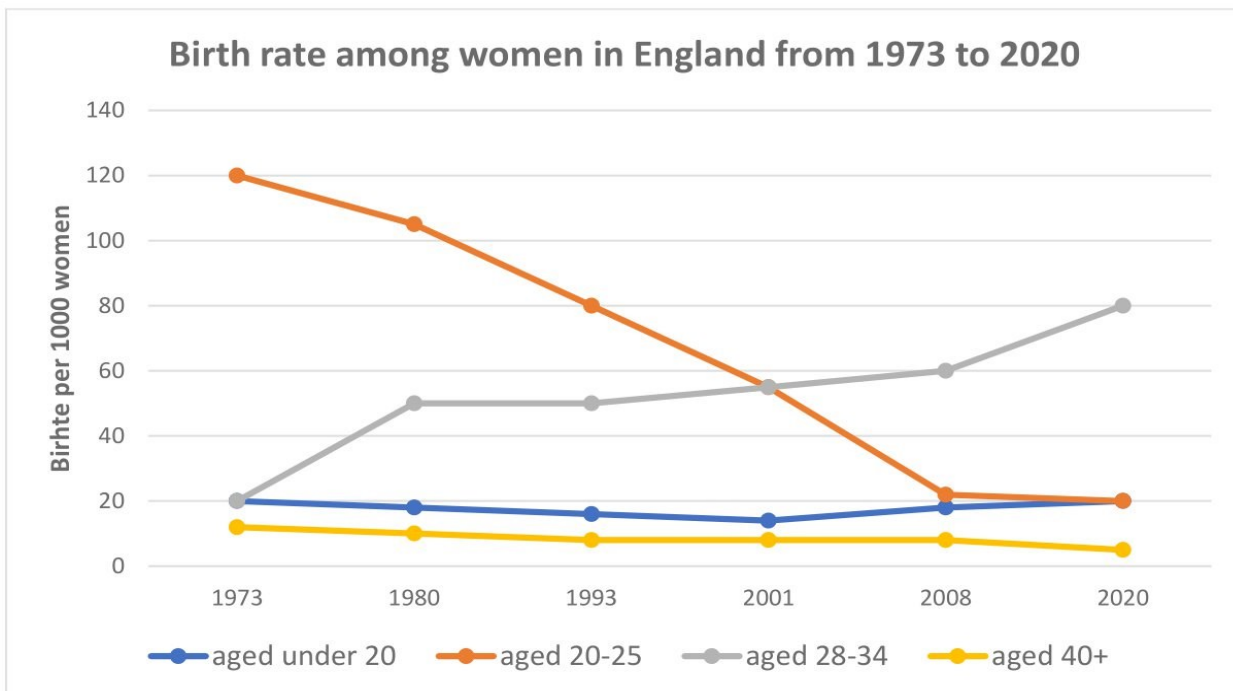
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information on the birth rate among women in England, from 1973 to 2020. The figures are measured in births per 1000 women.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the line graph is the rate of births among females in England over 47 years. Overall, there was a decline in two of the categories, an increase in one and the other remained unchanged.

In 1973, the highest birth rate belonged to women in the 20-25 age group with 120,000; however, this steeply declined to approximately 22,000 by 2008 and slightly decreased again to 20,000 by 2020. On the other hand, this rate for 28-34-year-old females grew by approximately 150% between 1973 and 1980, from 20,000 to around 50,000 and, subsequently increased to a final figure of 80,000 in 2020.

The 40+ age group witnessed the lowest figure for all the categories over the years and from 1993 to 2008, it remained constant at about 8,000 before decreasing slightly by roughly 5% in 2020. There was only a slight change in the birth rate of women under 20 between 1973 and 2020; however, the rates for 1973 and 2020 were identical at 20,000.

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Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

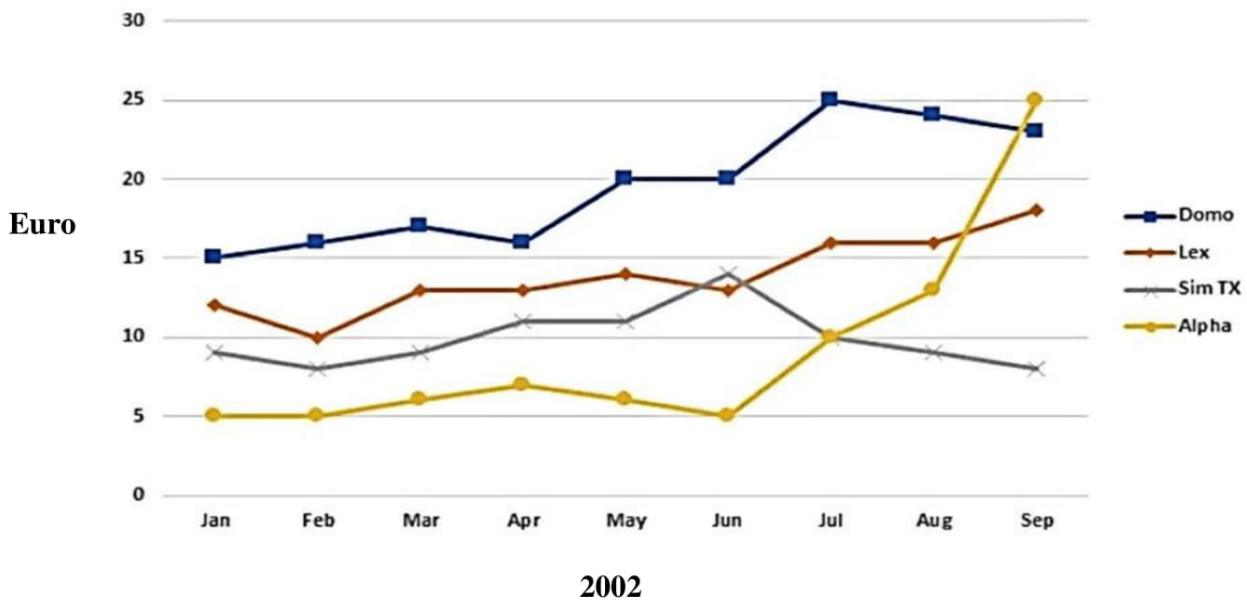
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the average cost of a monthly contract from four different mobile phone providers in a European country.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Average monthly cost of a mobile phone service



Illustrated in the line graph is the average price of monthly plans of 4 cell phone firms in a nation in Europe over 9 months in 2002. Overall, the service cost for 3 of the companies rose while the fees of the other one decreased.

From January to June Alpha’s average price fluctuated slightly and dropped to its original cost of 5 Euro in June before inclining substantially to 25 Euro by September. Domo consistently remained the most expensive plan before dipping to 23 euros in September, ranking it as the second most expensive plan.

Lex’s price fluctuated over the period with no change from July to August at 16 Euro but grew slightly to 18 Euro by September. Despite a small drop from 9 to 8 Euro from January to February, the cost of a Sim TX plan peaked at 14 Euro in June. Subsequently, Sim’s price halved from June to September from 14 to 7 Euro which resulted in it being ranked as the cheapest of all 4 firms by the end of the time frame.

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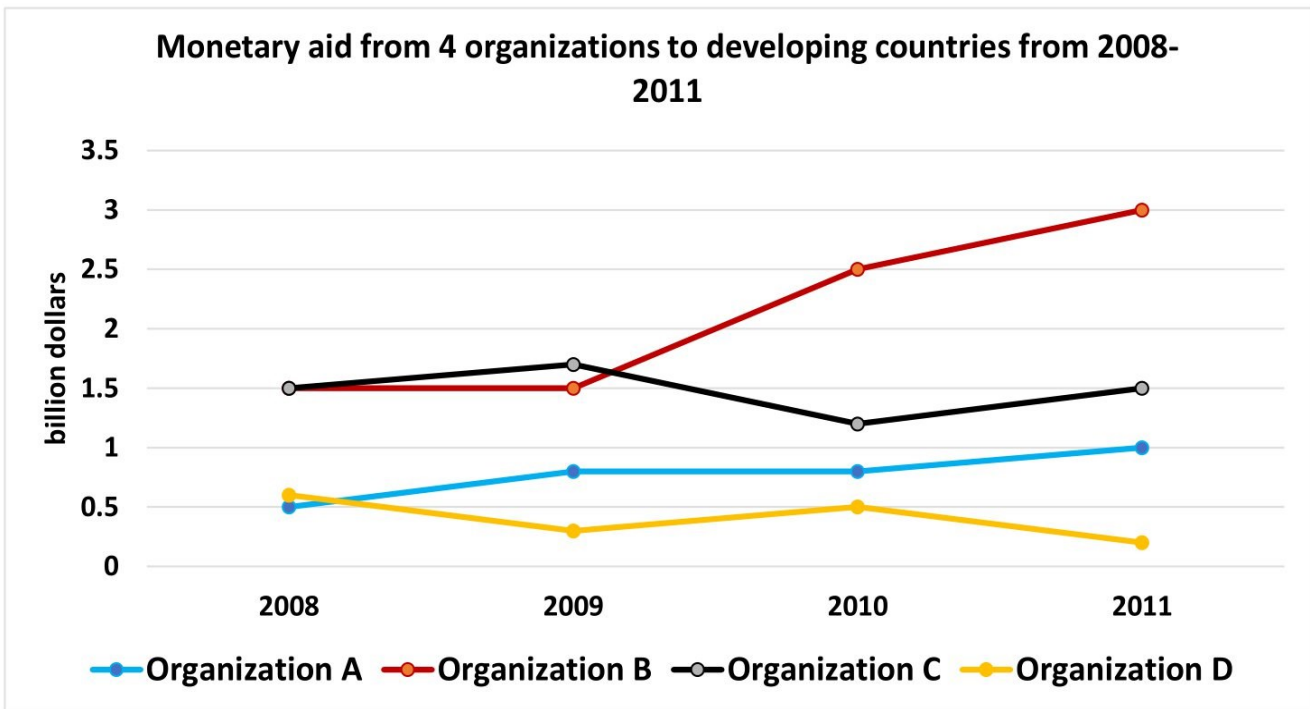
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the monetary aid from 4 organizations to developing countries in 4 different years.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the line graph is the amount of money countries with emerging economies received from four organizations, from 2008 to 2011. Overall, while others' contributions fluctuated slightly, that of Organization B showed a significant increase over time.

In 2008, Organizations B and C provided 1.5 billion dollars each, which was comparatively higher than the 0.5 and 0.6 billion dollars of aid donated respectively from Organizations A and D. While Organization D reduced their financial assistance from 2009 to 2010 by half, other aid agencies maintained their economic support, with a rise of 200 million dollars from Organization A and 300 million dollars from C.

From 2010 to 2011, Organizations B and A's financial assistance continuously grew to exactly 3 billion dollars and 1 billion dollars, respectively; in contrast, the recipient countries received less from Organization D, with this agency providing only 0.2 billion dollars in 2011. Similarly, after a drop to around 1.2 billion in 2010, Organization C went back to its 2008 figure in the final year.

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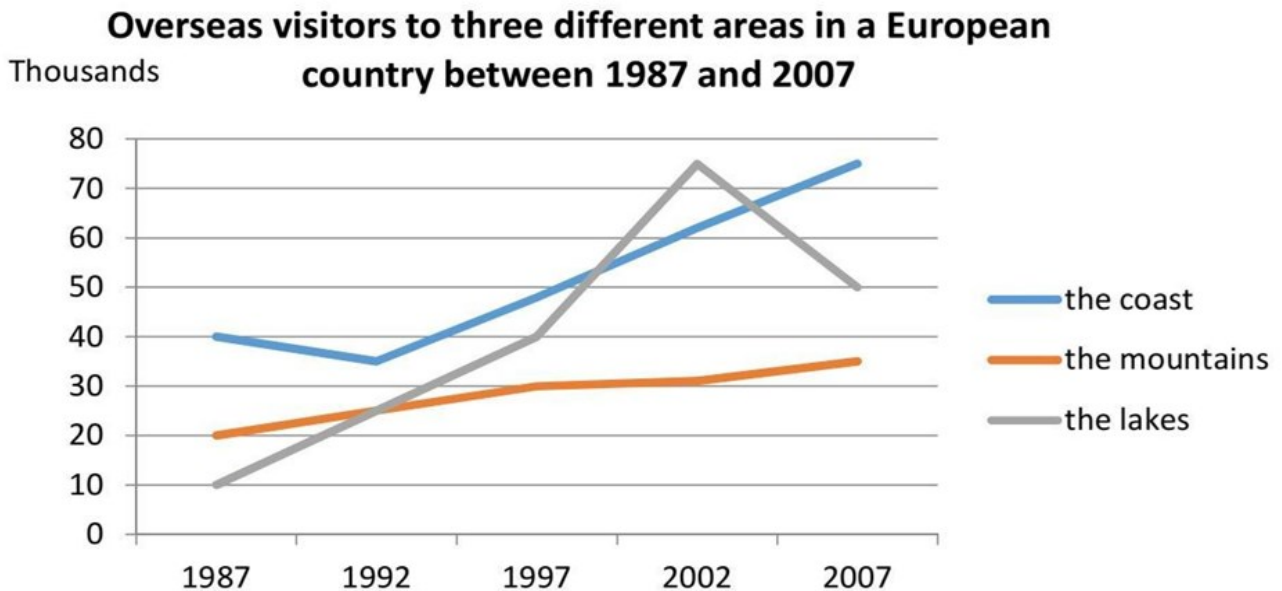
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the number of overseas visitors to three different areas in a European country between 1987 and 2007.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the line graph is the number of travelers who visited three different attractions in a European nation from 1987 to 2007. Overall, there was an increase in the number of tourists in all three categories over the period of twenty years.

In 1987, the coast was the most popular attraction with 40 thousand visitors, whereas the lakes were the least visited with only 10 thousand. From 1987 to 2002, however, the number of tourists opting for the lakes rose sharply from 10 to approximately 75 thousand before declining steeply to 50 thousand by 2007.

The number of visitors to the mountains saw a steady rise over two decades, commencing with 20 thousand and ending with roughly 35 thousand. In contrast, the number of tourists preferring the coast fluctuated over the same period, dropping from 40 to 35 thousand from 1987 to 1992 before more than doubling to 75 thousand by 2007.

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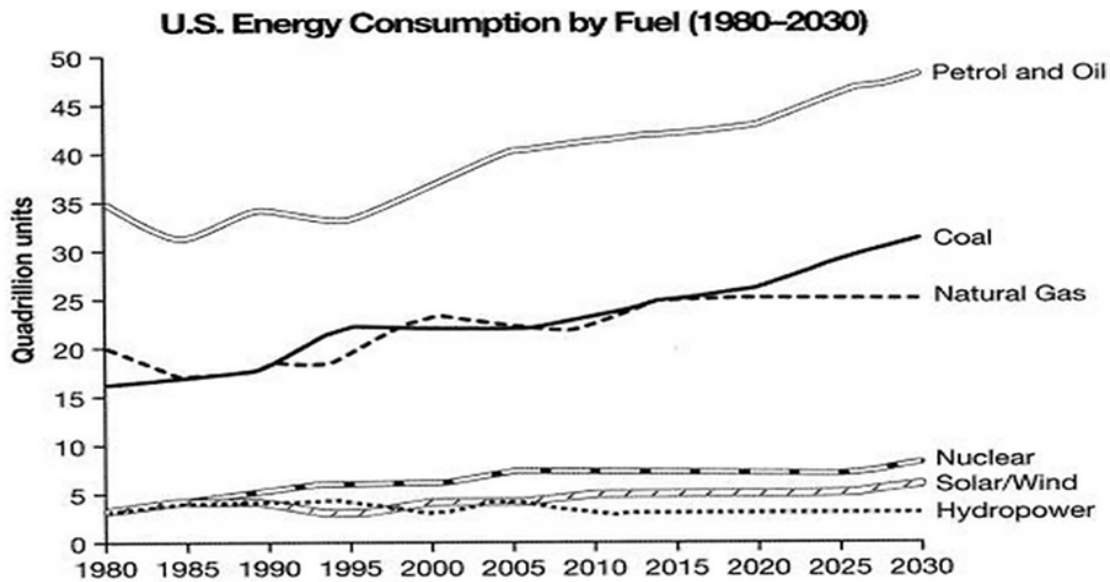
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below gives information from a 2008 report about consumption of energy in the USA since 1980 with projections until 2030.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the line graph is how the US has consumed fuel from 1980 until the present day including estimations on future trends. Overall, there has been an increase in five categories until today, which is expected to continue with the exception of hydropower.

Petrol and oil use fluctuated between 1980 and 1996 but then rose considerably up to today's total of about 40 quadrillion units furthermore, it is predicted to increase to approximately 50 quadrillion units by 2030. Natural gas similarly fluctuated from 20 to about 23 units from 1980 until 2013, however, since then it has plateaued and is forecast to remain constant at 23 units until 2030.

Coal use has risen steadily and is expected to continue growing up to 30 quadrillion units by 2030. In contrast, a slight increase was witnessed in the growth of nuclear energy and solar/wind and they are estimated to reach 6 and 4 quadrillion units, respectively by 2030. Even though the rate of hydropower varied from 1980 to approximately 2013, ranging from 4 to 3 units, the rate has remained constant until today and is projected to remain unchanged until 2030.

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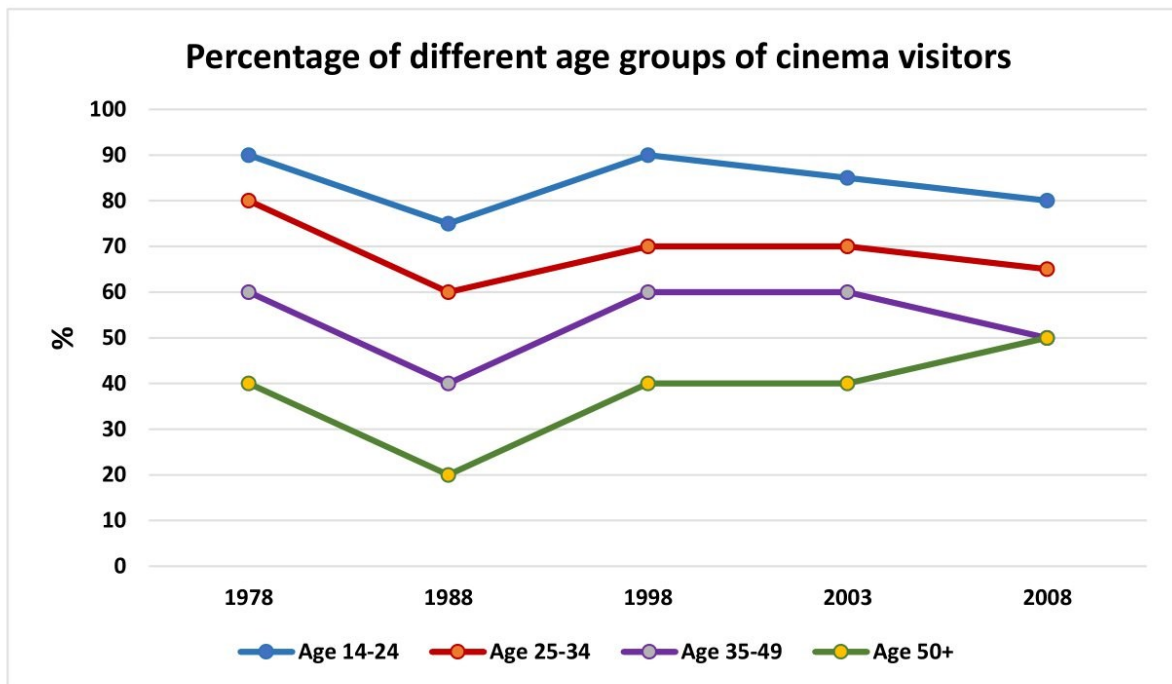
Dynamic Charts: Line Graph

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The line graph shows the percentage of different age groups of cinema visitors in a particular country from 1978 to 2008.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the diagram is the percentage of cinemagoers in different age brackets in a country between 1978 and 2008. Overall, the percentage of cinema visitors who were over 50 experienced an upward trend over 30 years while the opposite was true for the other age groups.

Even though the percentage of cinema goers in the 14-24 age bracket fluctuated over the years and declined from 90% to 80%, it consistently remained the age group who attended the cinema the most. In contrast, going to the cinema was least popular for the 50+ category however, despite fluctuating, it increased by 10% from 1978 to 2008.

From 1978 to 1988 the 50+, 35-49 and 25-34 categories witnessed identical declines of 20% each. Subsequently, the 50+ and 35-49 groups grew by 20% from 1988 to 1998. Over the 4-year period from 1998 to 2003 the percentage of movie goers remained unchanged for the 50+ group at 40%, the 35-49 category at 60% and the 25-34 sector at 70%.

(166 words)

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the percentage of children with different educational problems in two primary schools.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of children with different educational problems

	2012	2012	Today	Today
Problem area	School A	School B	School A	School B
Spelling	22	8	24	10
Handwriting	29	9	29	9
Reading ability	30	5	15	10
Listening skills	35	11	20	12
Concentration level	40	15	20	15
Following instructions	42	6	21	12

The percentage of school pupils with various learning issues, at two different schools from 2012 until today, is illustrated in the table. Overall, there has been a decrease in the percentage in four of the categories at school A, whereas school B has witnessed an increase in four of the learning issues.

At school A, the greatest issue amongst school pupils in 2012 was the ability to follow instructions at a rate of 42%, however by today, this has halved to 21%. In comparison, in the same category, school B’s rate has doubled from 6% to 12%.

Regarding handwriting, schools A and B have witnessed no change in the percentage rate from 2012 until the present day with 29% and 9%, respectively. School B’s major problem for students in 2012 was concentration levels, at 15% and this has remained unchanged until today. However, school A has seen this educational issue drop by 50%, from 40% to 20%.

157 words

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below gives information about the population of New Zealand between 2011 and 2012.

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

Write at least 150 words.

	2011	2012	% change
All ages	4,381,269	4,410,284	+0.6%
Under 15	898,160	896,364	-0.2%
15-39	1,577,256	1,574,102	-0.2%
40-64	1,331,907	1,339,898	+0.6%
65+	573,946	596,903	+4.0%

Depicted in the table is the number of New Zealand citizens, classified in 5 categories, in 2011 and 2012 along with the percentage difference in the figures. Overall, the population of New Zealand rose with two sub-categories increasing but there was a decrease in the other two.

The total population rose by 0.6% from 2011 to 2012, that was a rise of 29,015 in the number of New Zealanders. There was a decline in the sub-15 age group of 0.2% which resulted in the figures falling by 1,796. In addition, the 15-39 category displayed an identical percentage drop of 0.2% resulting in a dip of 3,154 people.

In contrast, the 40-64 age group witnessed a gain of 7,991 citizens which translated into a 0.6% increase. Additionally, the 65+ criterion showed the greatest percentage change of all the categories with a 4.0% rise that meant the number of people in this group rose by 22,957.

154 words

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the number of motor vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants in eight countries in 1990 and 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Country	1990	2000
Bahamas	235	187
Brazil	55	135 80
Cambodia	1	1
Chile	68	88
Jordan	50	157
Luxembourg	548	728
New Zeland	531	557
Romania	68	80 12

The quantity of motor vehicles per 1000 citizens in eight nations in 1990 and 2000 is depicted in the diagram. Overall, 6 of the 8 countries witnessed an increase in ownership and 1 nation decreased, while only one remained static.

In 1990, people in Luxembourg owned the most motor vehicles at 548 whilst the lowest number belonged to Cambodia, at only 1. By 2000 the figure for Cambodia had remained unchanged, whereas Luxembourg had risen by 180. Brazil saw the greatest increase in ownership, starting at 55 in 1990 and rising to 13,580 by 2000 while the Bahamas was the only country to experience a decline from 235 in 1990 to 187 by 2000.

Romania also had a substantial increase from 68 to 8,012 over the period and, in addition, the growth in Chile and New Zealand was less significant with rises of 20 and 26 vehicles, respectively. Ownership in Jordan more than tripled from 50 in 1990 up to 157 in 2000.

163 words

Dynamic Charts: Table

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows oil production figures in four African countries from 2000 to 2004, in barrels per day.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Oil production figures in four African countries from 2000 to 2004

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Nigeria	205,000	201,000	190,000	210,000	213,000
Chad	0	0	0	8,000	50,000
Congo	275,000	234,000	222,000	215,000	203,000
Ivory Coast	5,000	8,000	17,000	21,000	50,000

Depicted in the table is the daily production of oil in Nigeria, Chad, Congo and Ivory Coast, measured in barrels, between 2000 to 2004. Overall, oil produced in Nigeria, Chad and Ivory Coast experienced upward trends; by contrast, while Congo produced significantly more oil than the other three nations, its production declined over time.

In 2000, Congo’s oil output was 275,000 barrels per day, which was 70,000 barrels higher than Nigeria. However, after recovering from a drop to 190,000 daily barrels in 2002, Nigeria became the number one producer in 2004, generating 213,000 barrels per day, whereas Congo witnessed a reduction of 12,000 barrels from 2003 to 2004.

Ivory Coast generated less than 10,000 barrels of petroleum daily from 2000 to 2001, while Chad’s oil production did not start until 2003, when it registered 8,000 barrels of oil per day. The Ivory Coast and Chad’s production continuously increased until 2004 when both countries achieved an identical output of 50,000 barrels of oil processed.

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Dynamic Charts: Pie Charts

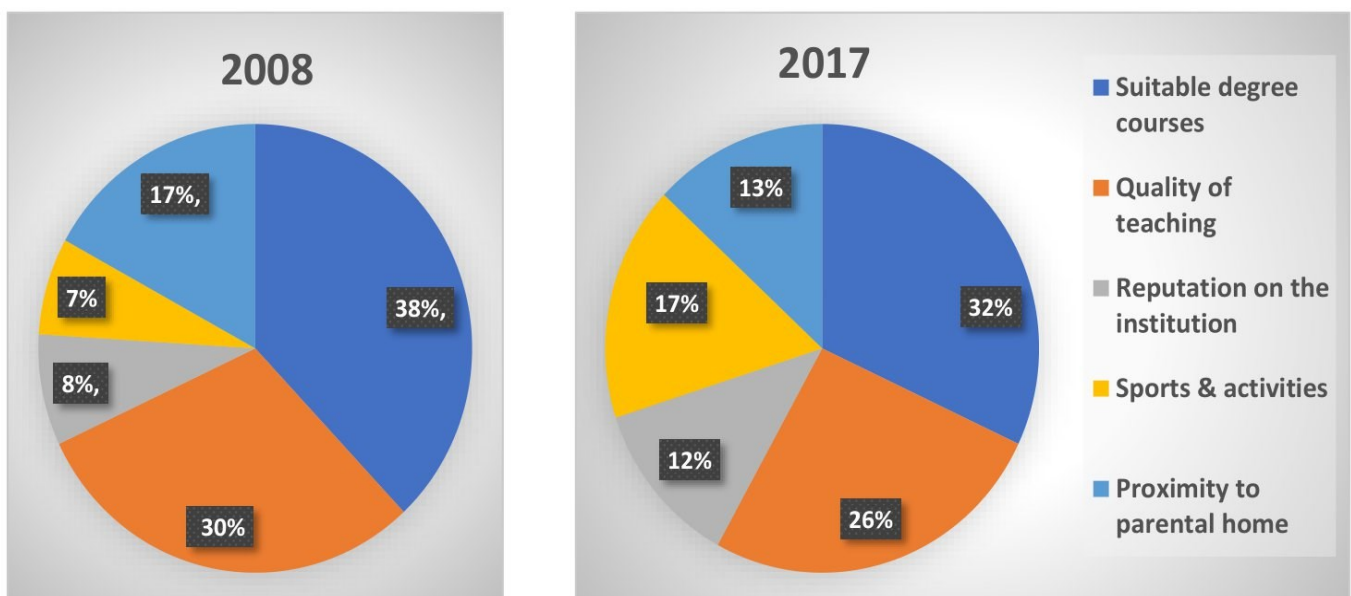
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below reveal the different reasons that motivated students to choose a college or university in the UK, in 2008 and 2017.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Reasons why students chose a college/university in the UK



The various reasons why undergraduates opted for a university or college in the United Kingdom in 2008 and 2017 are depicted in the pie charts. Overall, there was an increase in three of the categories whereas a decrease was recorded in the other two.

In 2008 and 2017 the most popular reason for deciding which college to attend was the suitability of courses at 38% and 32% respectively however, it fell by 6% over the period. The least favored reason in 2008 was activities and sports at 7% but by 2017 this had more than doubled to 17%, resulting in it being ranked as the third highest preference.

Even though the institution’s reputation climbed from 8% to 12% over the years, it was ranked last in 2017 compared to fourth place in 2008. The category of the university’s closeness to home became less important with a decrease of 4%, dropping from 17% to 13%. Teaching excellence, in addition, registered a decline in popularity from 32% to 26%.

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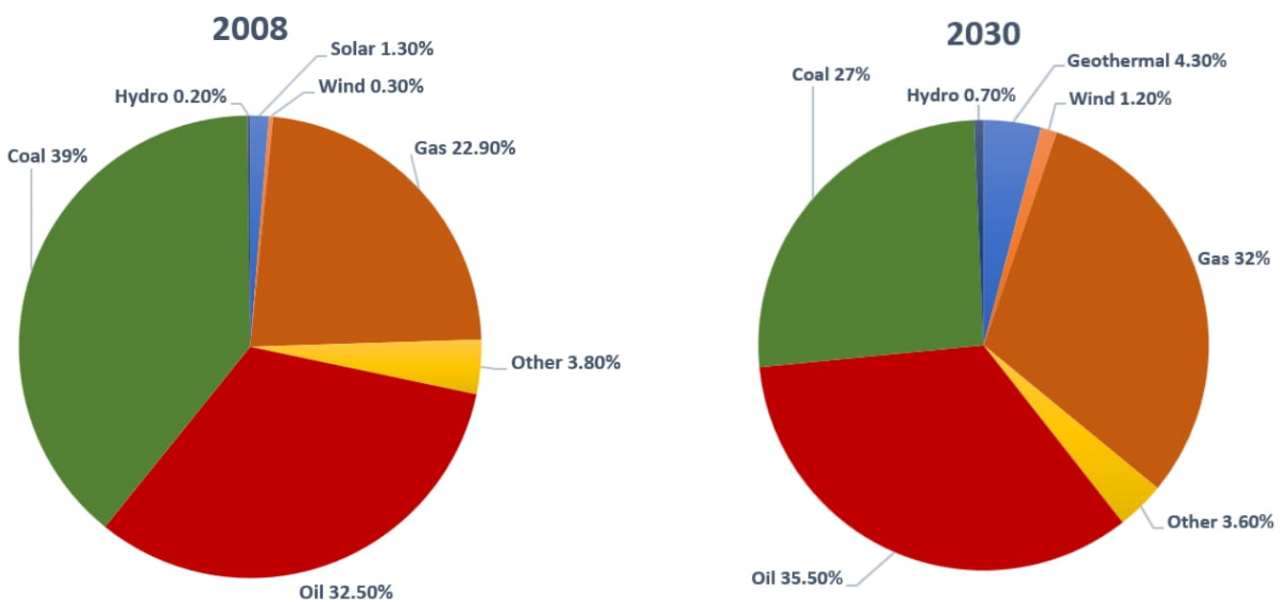
Dynamic Charts: Pie Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagrams below show the energy sources used in Australia in 2008 as well as predictions for 2030.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the pie charts are how energy was generated in 2008 in Australia, along with a forecast for 2030. Overall, two of the categories are predicted to decrease, while four are anticipated to increase, and one is replaced by a new category.

In 2008, coal was the main source of energy at 39%; however, it is presumed that this will drop to 27% by 2030; and, similarly, other sources have been estimated to decline by 0.20% from 3.80% to 3.60% in 2030. The category of solar stood at 1.30% in 2008, but it has been projected that it will no longer be used as a source of energy by 2030 and is assessed to be replaced by geothermal energy, which has been forecast to contribute 4.30%.

Oil is forecast to grow by 3% from 32.50% to 35.50%, while gas is predicted to have the biggest increase of almost 10%, moving from 22.9% to 32%. Regarding the remaining categories, it is estimated that hydro will have a slight increase of 0.5% by 2030, and, in addition, wind is projected to modestly increase from 0.30% to 1.20%.

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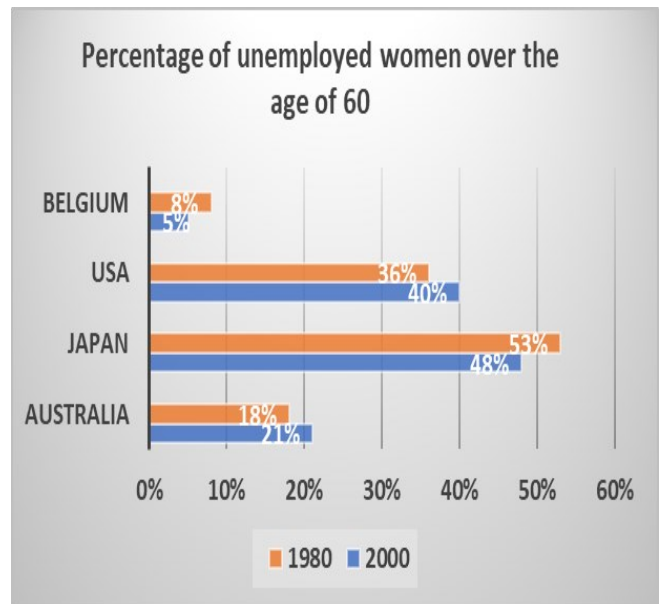
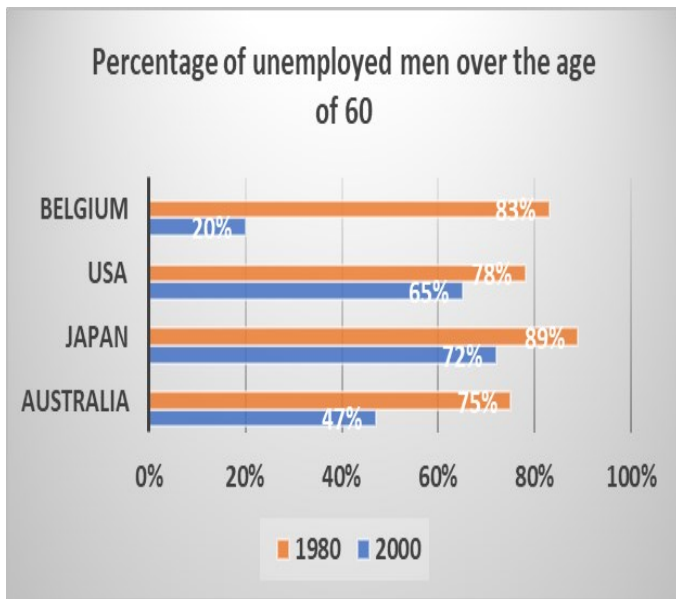
Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below provide information about the unemployment rate amongst men and women over the age of 60 in Belgium, USA, Japan and Australia, in the years 1980 and 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.



The unemployment rate for males and females who were over 60 years old, in 4 countries over a 20-year period, is depicted in the diagrams. Overall, the rate for men declined whereas the rate for women increased in 2 of the 4 countries.

According to the first bar chart, Belgium witnessed the greatest decline in men’s unemployment over the 20 years where the rate fell by 63%, from 83% to 20%. In comparison, the USA’s rate for males dropped the least by 13%. Japan and Australia saw similar declines in their unemployment rates, falling by 17% and 28%, respectively.

Regarding the second chart, Belgium had the lowest unemployment rate for females of all the countries at 8% in 1980, which fell to 5% in 2000. The USA and Australia, in contrast, both increased, with the former rising by 4% and the latter by 3% over the time period. Even though the out of work rate declined in Japan by 5%, it was the country with the highest rate of all the nations, with 53% in 1980 and 48% in 2000.

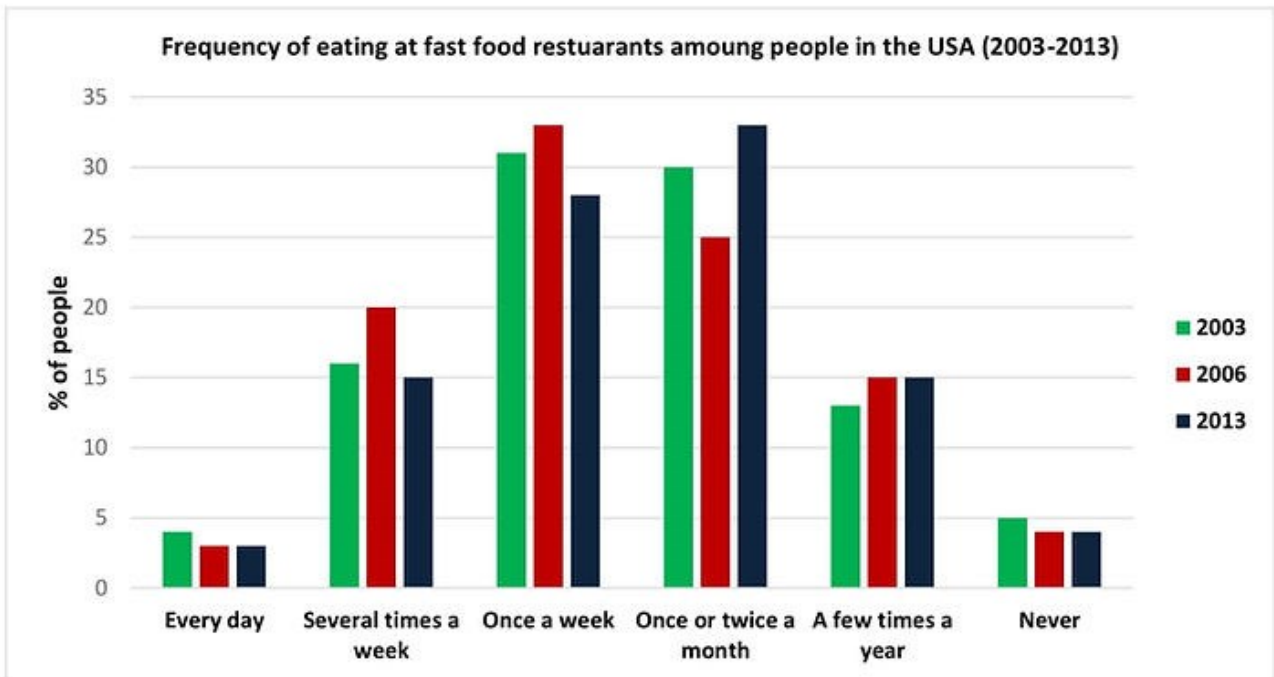
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Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows how frequently people in the USA ate in fast-food restaurants between 2003 and 2013.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the diagram is how often Americans chose to eat at convenience food establishments from 2003 to 2013. Overall, there was a decrease in four categories and an increase in the other two over 10 years.

The proportion of people visiting fast food restaurants every day was consistently the lowest. Specifically, in 2003 it registered at approximately 4% but declined slightly to roughly 3% in 2006 and 2013. Similarly, the percentage of customers who never patronized these places dropped from 5% to about 4% in 2006 and remained the same in 2013.

Even though there was an increase of around 3% in the categories of several times a week and once a week from 2003 to 2006, they both fell by approximately 4% each by 2013. The percentage of people eating quickly prepared food once or twice a month fluctuated, decreasing by 5% from 2003 to 2006 while increasing by about 8% in 2013. Furthermore, the proportion of people eating these types of meals a few times a year increased by about 2% from 2003 to 2006 and remained steady at 15% until 2013.

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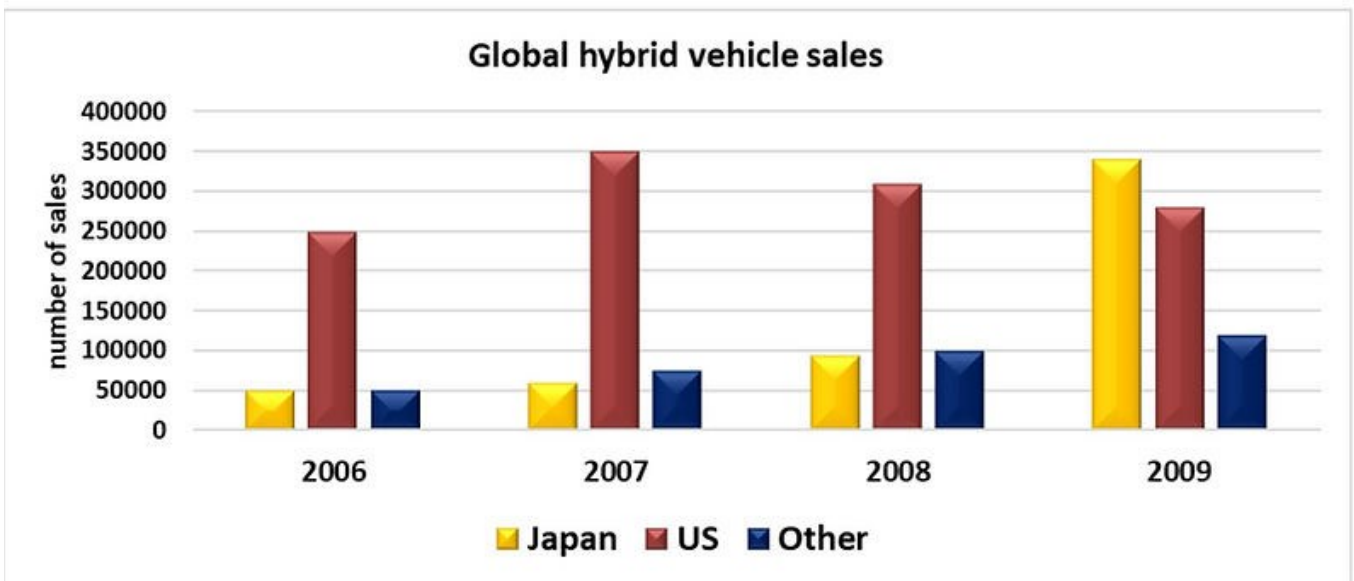
Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the number of sales of hybrid vehicles in three different locations from 2006 to 2009.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the bar graph is the total number of dual-power vehicles sold worldwide, particularly in America and Japan, as well as other countries, between 2006 and 2009. Overall, there was an increase in sales in all the places, with the US purchasing more of these automobiles throughout most of the period stated.

In 2006, the greatest sales of this vehicle type were to the US, recording 250,000 units purchased, with Japan and the group of other nations having much lower figures of only 50,000 each. In the final year, however, Japan replaced the US when its sales sharply increased to almost 350,000 from 2008. In contrast, that of the US decreased to below 300,000 in the same year after reaching a peak of 350,000 in 2007.

Meanwhile, this number in other regions witnessed a minimal but continuous rise, increasing by approximately 20,000 to just below 30,000 each year. Nevertheless, it remained the least throughout the period, reaching only 120,000 in 2009.

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Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

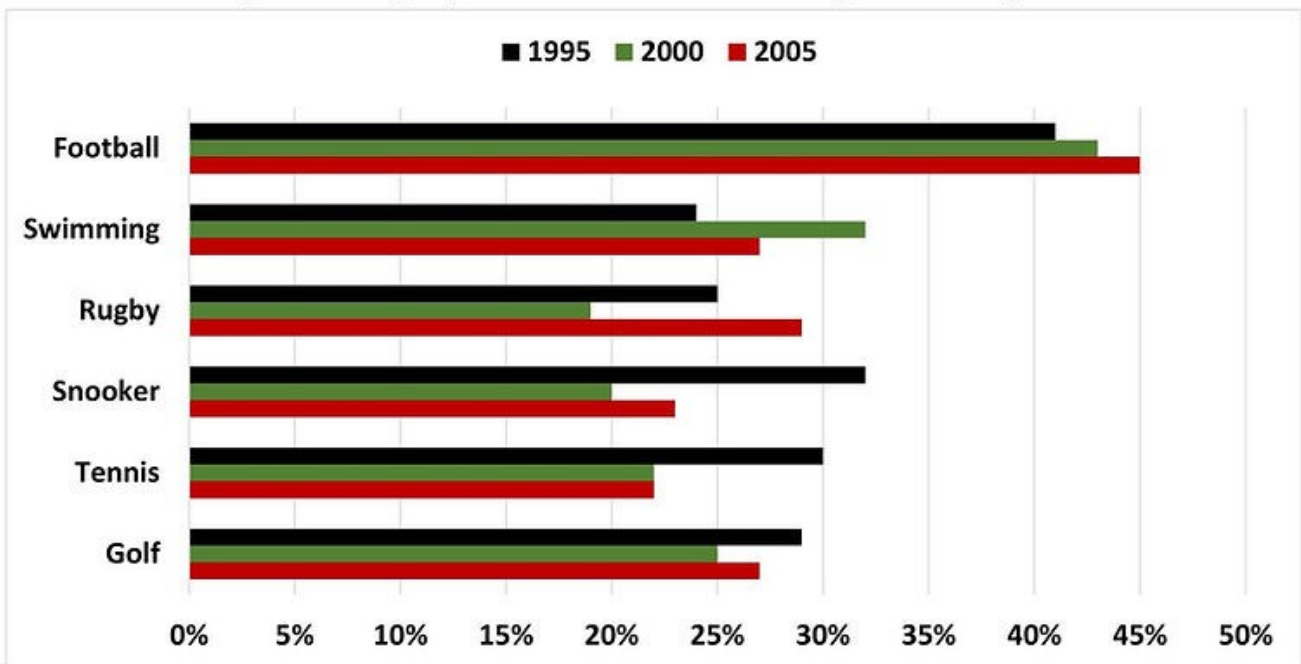
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the proportion of survey respondents that showed interest in particular sports in three different years in the UK.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Proportion of people that showed interest in particular sports



Depicted in the bar chart is the percentage of people in the UK who were interested in different sports over a 10-year period. Overall, football was consistently the most popular while interest in the other sports fluctuated over time.

The percentage of football followers rose gradually from 41% to 45% from 1995 to 2005 whereas swimming rose by 9% from 1995 to a peak at 33% in 2000 but declined to 27% in 2005. In addition, 25% of people preferred rugby in 1995 but this fell sharply to 19% in 2000 but increased by approximately 10% in 2005 to 29%.

Snooker, tennis and golf all recorded their highest popularity in 1995 at 33%, 30% and 29% respectively. From 1995 to 2000, snooker dropped dramatically to 20% but climbed in 2005 to 23% and golf followed a similar pattern with a decline to 25% in 2000 but an increase to 27% by 2005. Even though interest in tennis fell by 7% from 1995 to 2000, the percentage of followers remained constant from 2000 to 2005 at 23%.

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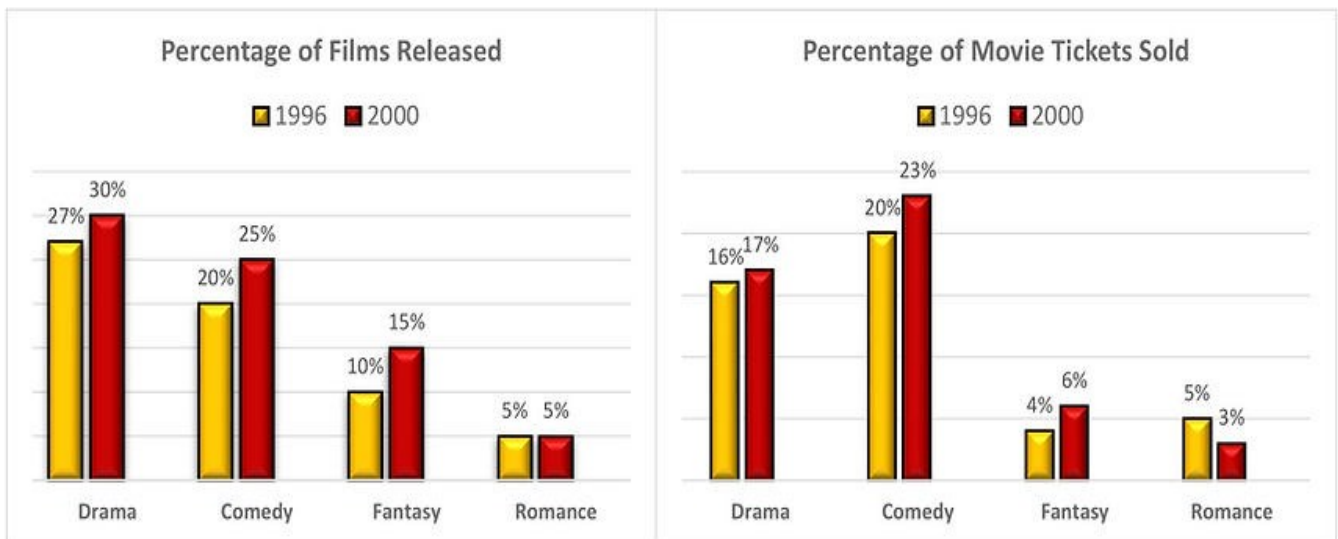
Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The two charts below show the percentages of films released and tickets sold by genre, in 1996 and 2000, in a European country.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the bar charts are the types of movies made and tickets sold in percentages, in 1996 and 2000 in a country in Europe. Overall, in both years, drama films were the most produced genre while comedies were the most popular with cinema audiences.

Even though there was an increase in the production of the three other types of films, the percentage of romance movies released remained unchanged at 5% in 1996 and 2000. The amount of drama films made increased slightly by 3% from 1996 to 2000 and, additionally, there was a rise of 5% in both comedy and fantasy movies.

Comedies were the most successful movies at the cinema with 20% in 1996, which increased to 23% in 2000. Drama witnessed a small rise in the percentage of tickets sold, from 16% to 17% and, in addition, fantasy movies increased by 2% from 4% in 1996 to 6% in 2000. The only genre to record a decline in audience numbers was Romance, which dropped slightly from 5% to 3% over 14 years.

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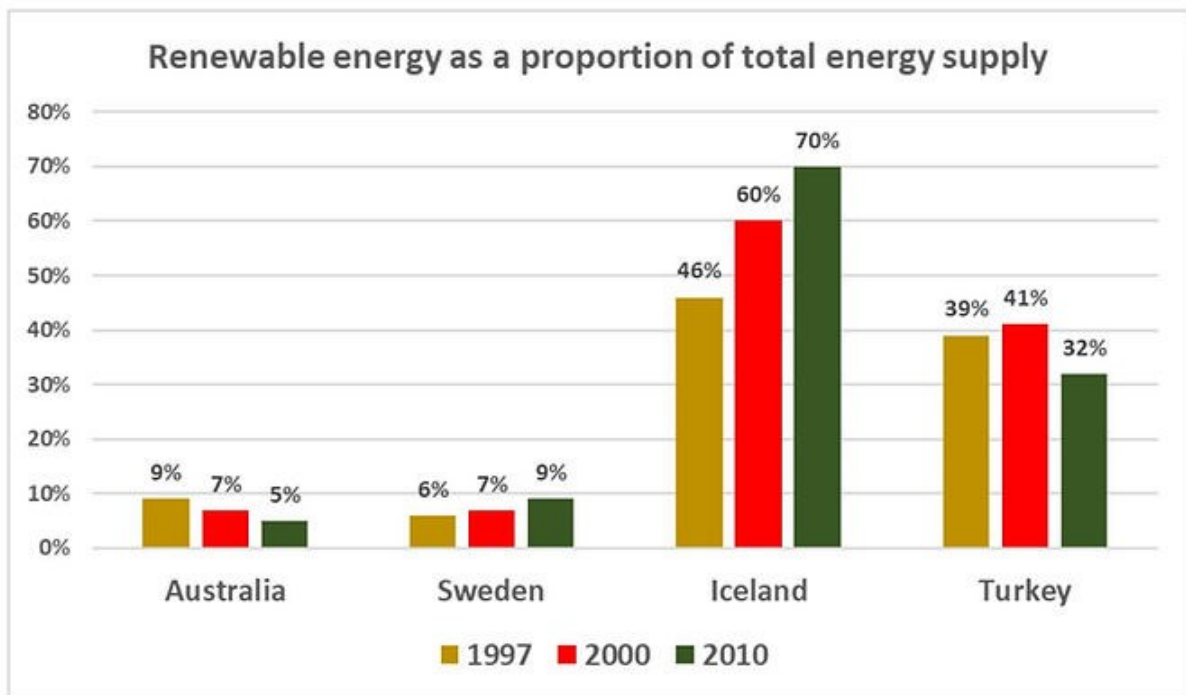
Dynamic Charts: Bar Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the proportion of renewable energy in the total energy supply of 4 countries, from 1997 to 2010.

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

Write at least 150 words.



The percentage of energy generated through renewable sources, in 4 countries over 13 years, is illustrated in the bar chart. Overall, 2 countries witnessed an increase, whereas the other 2 nations recorded a decrease, with Iceland having the highest rate throughout the given period.

In 1997, 9% of Australia’s supply of energy was provided by renewable sources; however, this figure declined steadily by 2% from 1997 to 2010, until it reached its lowest figure of 5% in 2010. In contrast, Sweden registered a gradual rise of 3% over the period from 6% in 1997 to a peak of 9% in 2010.

Iceland’s use of renewal energy was consistently the highest compared to the other countries. In 1997, almost half its energy was produced from renewable sources, at 46% and this rose to 60%, then 70% in 2000 and 2010, respectively. Although The percentage of renewable energy in Turkey dipped by 7% over the timeframe, there was a slight increase of 2% from 39% to 41% from 1997 to 2000.

169 words

Static Charts

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 are 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.

152 words

Static Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The first chart below shows the percentages of women and men in a country involved in some kinds of home tasks (cooking, cleaning, pet caring and repairing the house). The second chart shows the amount of time each gender spent on each task per day.

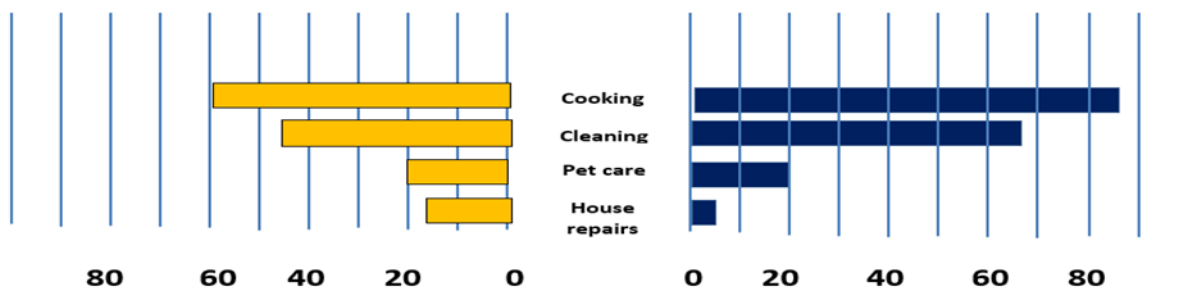
Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Percentage of males and females who do housework



Average time males and females do housework (minutes)



Illustrated in the first diagram is the proportion of males and females in a nation engaging in certain household chores, while depicted in the second chart is the amount of time each gender spent on a task daily. Overall, the percentages for doing the cooking are highest for men and women, whereas both genders spend the least amount of daily time on repairing the house.

According to the first chart, the proportion of women involved in cooking is the highest, at 82%, while the opposite is true for house repairs, at only about 9%. Both genders were almost equal when it came to pet care, with approximately 21% of men indulging in it compared to 20% of women.

As shown in the second chart, an equal amount of time per day, 20 minutes, was spent on pet care by both genders. One hour is spent on cooking by men, which is three times as much as pet care, whereas women spend over 4 times more on cooking, at around 85 minutes, than taking care of the pet.

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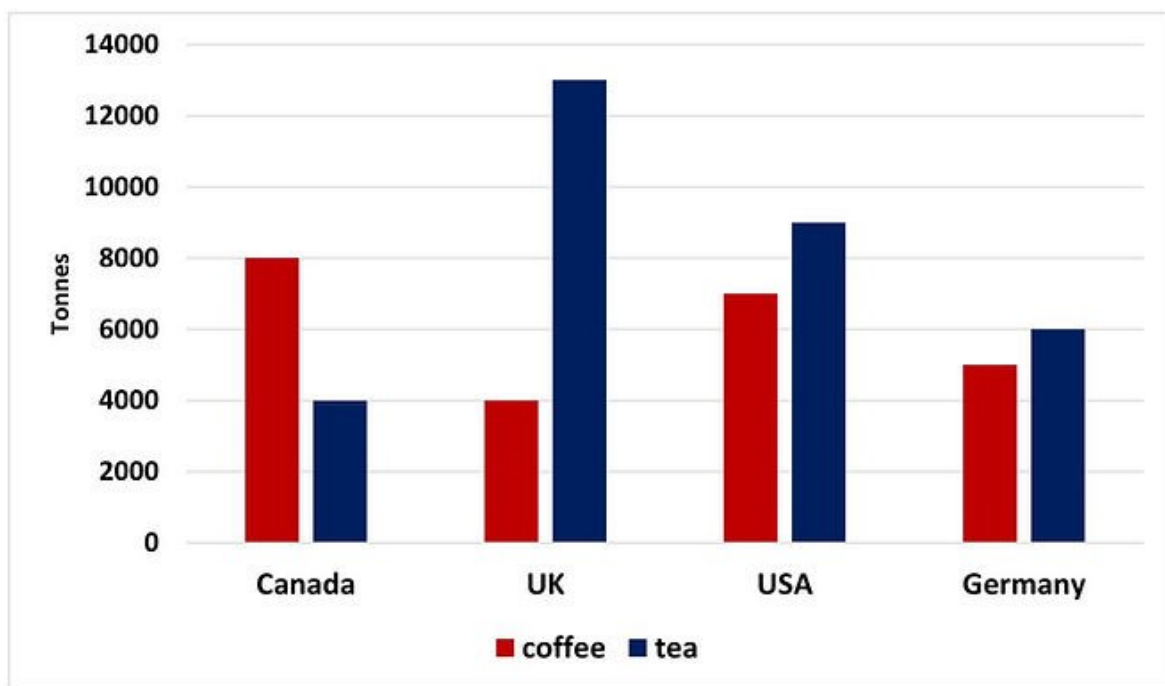
Static Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the amount of tea and coffee imported by Canada, UK, USA, and Germany in 2007 in tonnes.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.

The amount of tea and coffee imported by Canada, UK, USA, and Germany in 2007



Illustrated in the diagram is the figure for 2007 importations of tea and coffee, measured in tonnes, for four countries. Overall, the UK was recorded as the top importer of tea during this year, while Canada imported the largest amount of coffee.

Great Britain imported the greatest amount of tea, around 13,000 tonnes, which was at least three times more than Canada’s 4,000 tonnes. Nevertheless, despite the least amount of tea imported, Canada recorded the highest figure for coffee, at exactly 8,000 tonnes. The opposite was true for the UK’s imported coffee, which was the same amount as Canada’s imported tea, 4,000 tonnes.

The second largest overseas purchaser of both beverages in question was the USA, with approximately 9,000 tea tonnes and roughly 7,000 tonnes of coffee. Germany, in contrast to the USA, bought fewer tonnes of tea and coffee, with 6,000 and 5,000, respectively. Furthermore, the difference between Germany’s tea and coffee imports was the least amongst the countries mentioned, at 1,000 tonnes.

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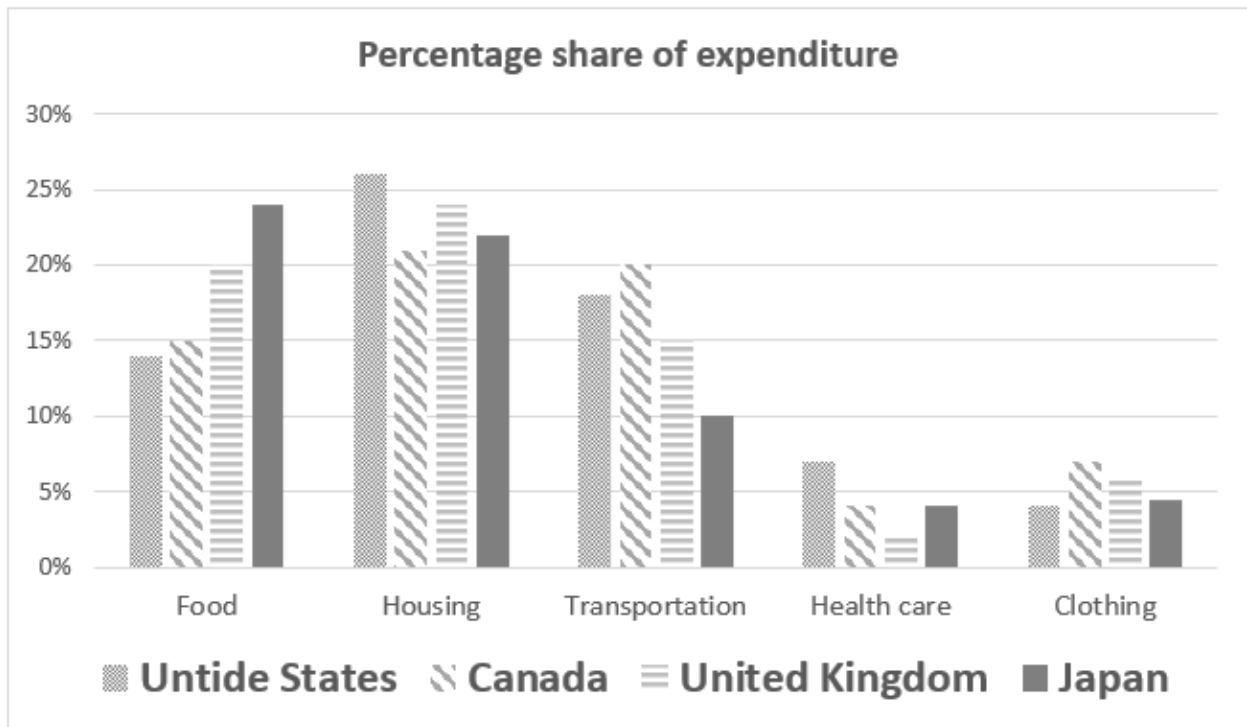
Static Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart below shows shares of expenditures for five major categories in the USA, Canada, the UK and Japan in 2009.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Depicted in the diagram is the expenditure on 5 main categories in 4 different countries in 2009. Overall, almost every country’s greatest expense was housing, while health care and clothing accounted for the least amounts.

The USA spent approximately 27% on housing, which was the highest expense of any country in all the categories, whereas the UK spent the lowest amount, roughly 2%, on health care. Regarding spending on food, Japan was the biggest spender at about 23%, while in comparison, approximately 14% accounted for the USA’s expenditure.

Japan spent an equal amount on health care and clothing at 4% while the UK spent three times more on clothing, at 6%, than health care at only 2%. Canadians greatest expenditure was on housing, which was roughly 21%, and this amount was slightly higher than transportation which accounted for 20% of their spending. Additionally, Canada spent the least amount on health care, at 4%.

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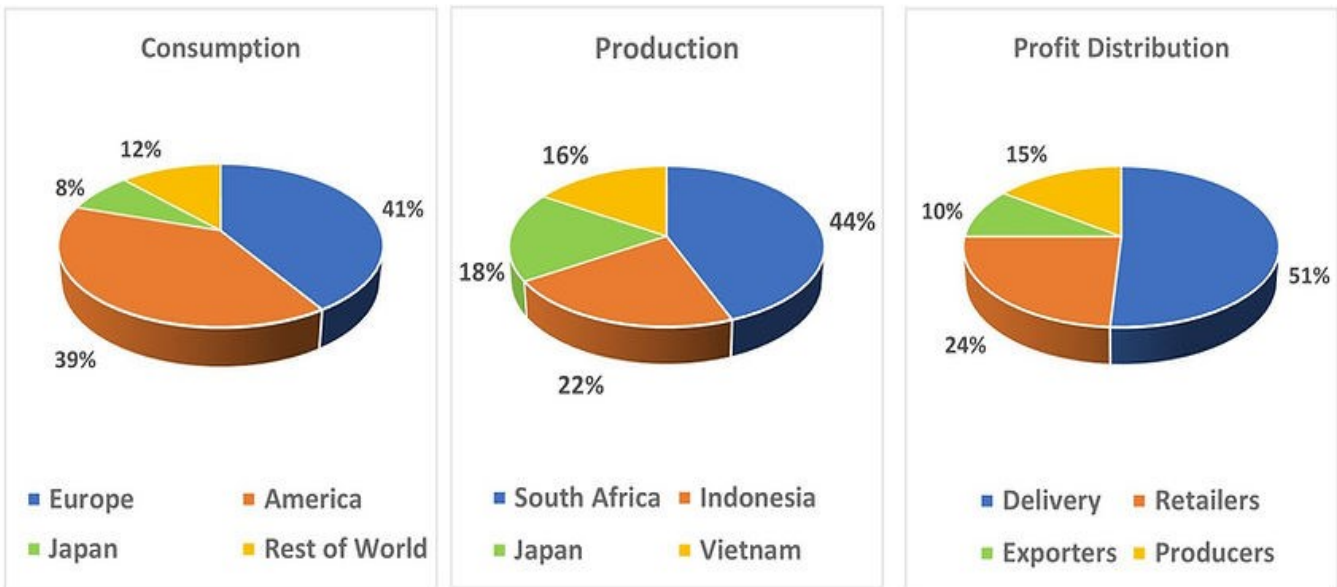
Static Charts

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below show the coffee consumption, coffee production, and the profit distribution around the world.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Global coffee consumption, production and profits are depicted in the pie charts. Overall, Europeans drink the most coffee, South Africa is the largest producer and the coffee delivery service is the most profitable business.

Regarding where it is drunk, America and Europe consume four fifths of the world's coffee with a combined total of 80%. The rest of the world was placed third with 12% while Japan accounted for 8% of world-wide consumption despite producing 18% of the world's coffee.

Concerning where coffee is produced, South Africa ranks first at 44%, which is exactly twice the figure for Indonesia, the second largest producer, at 22%. In addition, Vietnam is placed fourth for production at 16%.

When it comes to determining the profits, more than half comes from the coffee delivery industry which accounts for 51%. Retailers earn just under a quarter of the total at 24%, while coffee producers are placed third at 15% and the remaining 10% is received by exporters.

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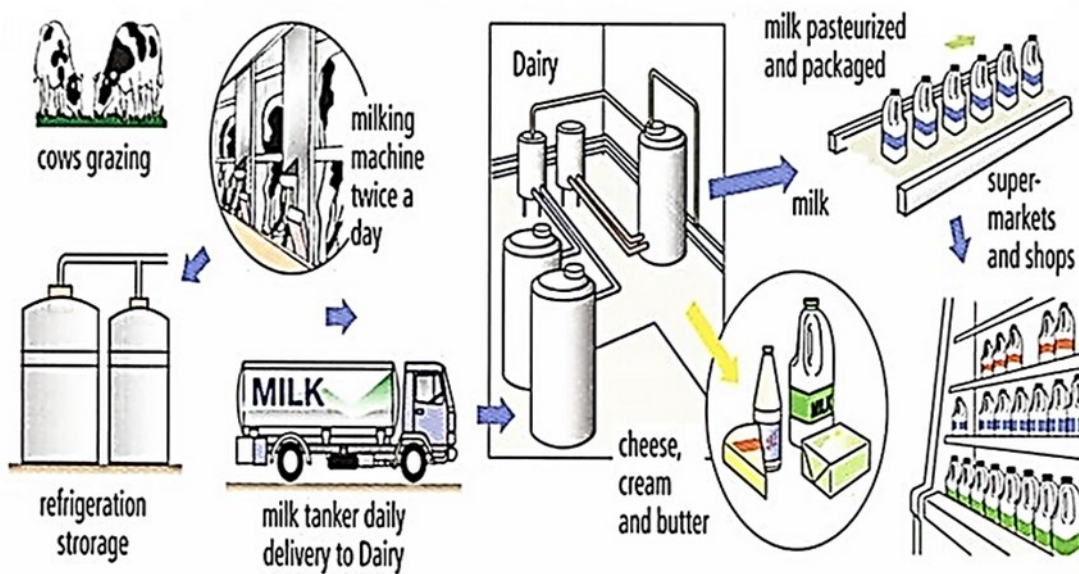
Processes & Procedures

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the production and processing of milk for commercial sale.

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

Write at least 150 words



Depicted in the flow chart is the procedure for producing milk and associated products. Overall, there are several stages, commencing with cows grazing on grass and finishing with the product being converted into various dairy produce and placed on sale at retail outlets.

After cows have eaten grass, they are milked using a mechanical milking machine two times every day, and once this is completed, the milk is stored in refrigerated containers. In the next stage, it is transported to a dairy by a specially designed lorry on a daily basis.

Once at the dairy, the milk is stored in tanks before it is either turned into dairy products such as butter, cheese or cream or, alternatively, it is moved on to the pasteurization stage. After the milk is pasteurized, it is then divided into containers, such as plastic bottles, that are transported to supermarkets and shops where they are sold to consumers.

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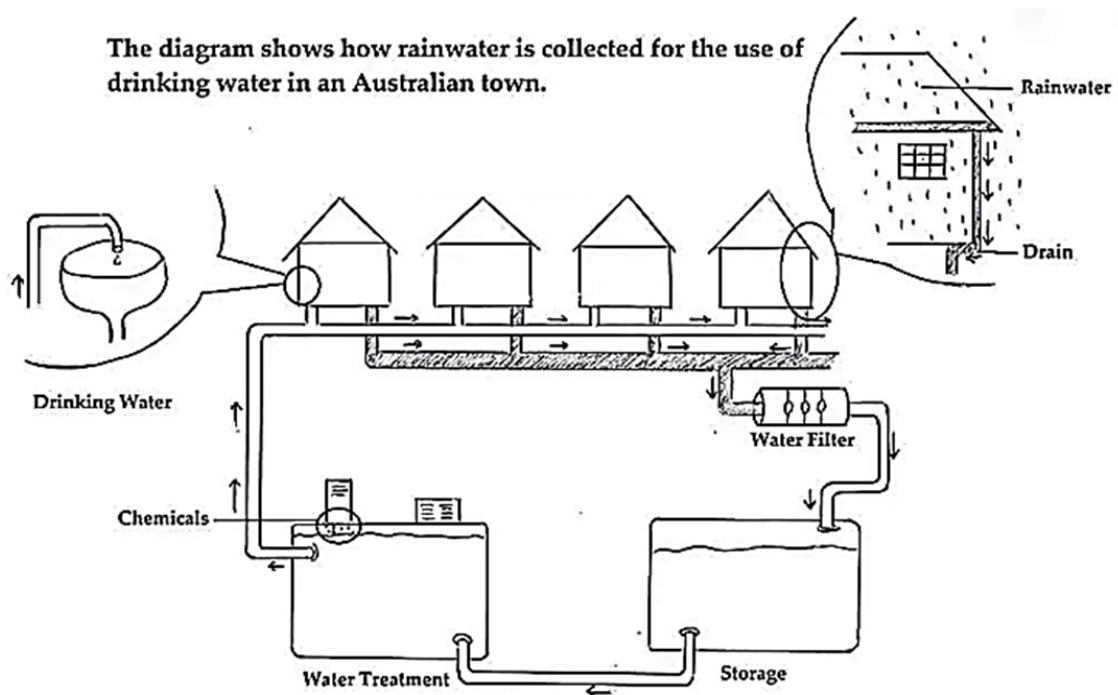
Processes & Procedures

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram shows how rainwater is collected for the use of drinking water in an Australian town.

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

Write at least 150 words



The process of the collection of rainwater, in a town in Australia, and its conversion into clean water to drink is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are several stages, commencing with rain falling on the houses and ending with the drinking water readily available for households.

To begin with, rainwater is channeled from the roof of the house into a drain at the base of it where it is then passed into a water filter and the cleaning process begins. The water, after the filtration stage, is moved through a pipe into a large, rectangular storage tank which is located next to the water filter.

In the next stage, the water is moved along to a treatment tank where chemicals are added to further the purification process. Once the water has been purified, it is fed along another pipe to the homes where it drips into a funnel and is finally stored in the house for use by its residents.

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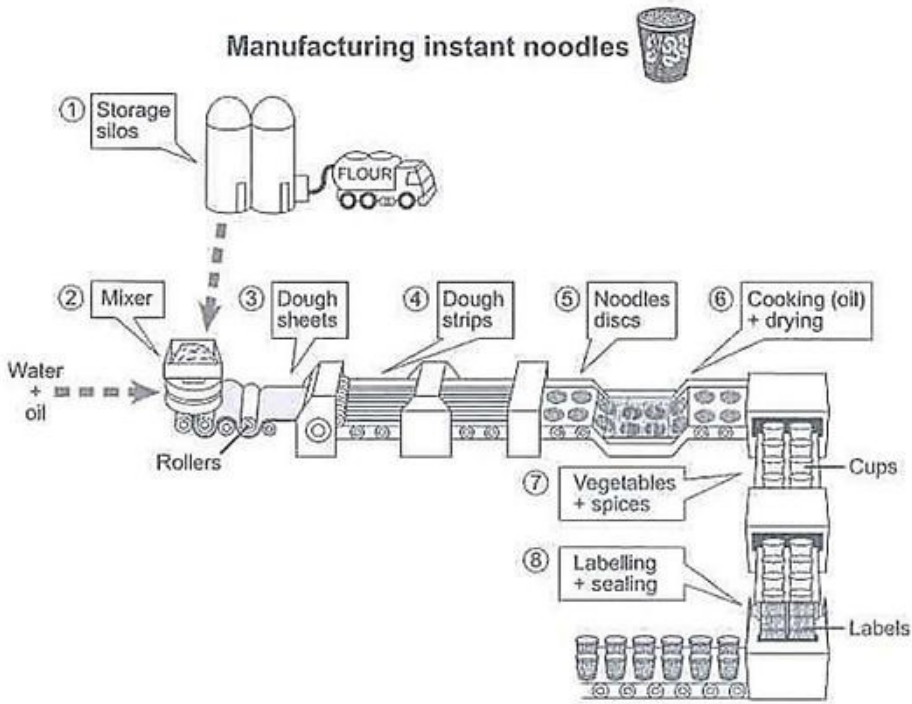
Processes & Procedures

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows how instant noodles are manufactured

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

Write at least 150 words.



The process of manufacturing noodles that are cooked immediately is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are 8 major stages, commencing with the collection of flour and ending with the finished product awaiting distribution.

After trucks deliver the raw flour from where it is stored in silos, water and oil are added before it is moved into a mixing machine. Next, the mixture of flour, oil, and water is flattened into sheets of dough, which are moved along a conveyor belt to a cutting machine, where they are sliced into strips.

The strips, after that, are shaped into individual circular discs, which are then cooked in oil. After the cooking stage, the noodles are dried on the belt. In the next step, the dry noodles are placed into cups where spices and vegetables are added. In the final stage, labels are stuck to the outside of the cup before they are sealed.

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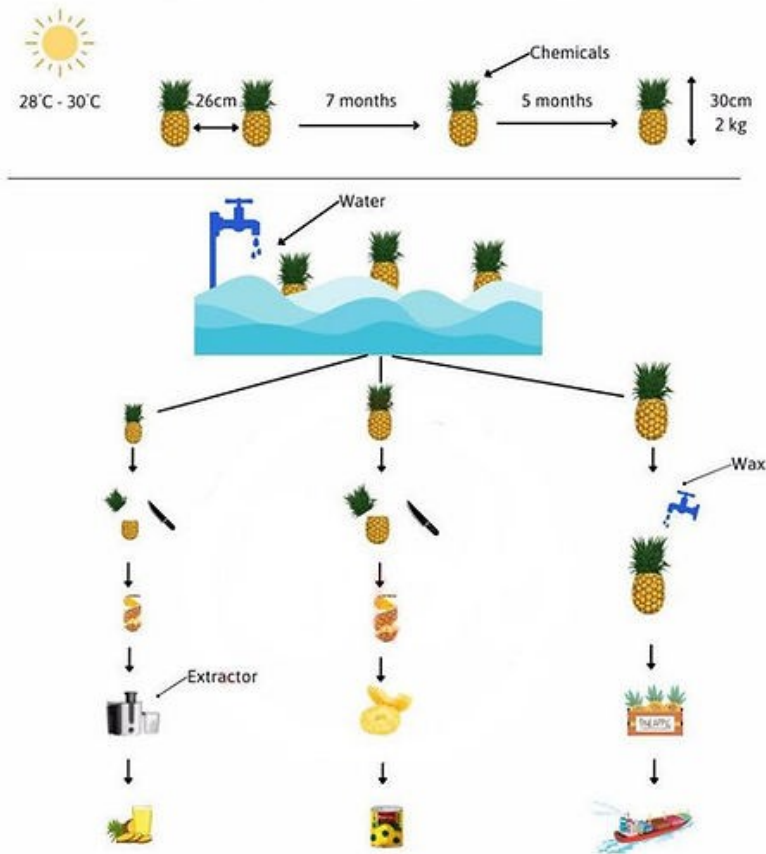
Processes & Procedures

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

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

Write at least 150 words.

The diagram below shows the process of growing and preparing pineapples and pineapple products.



Illustrated in the diagram is the process by which pineapples are grown and processed into different products. Overall, there are two main stages, the farming of pineapples and the processing of the crop, according to the size of the fruit.

In the first stage, pineapples are grown with their crowns spaced 26 centimeters apart in a climate where the temperature ranges from 23 to 30 degrees Celsius. After seven months, ethylene is sprayed on the plants, after which they continue to grow for an additional five months when the pineapples should be 30 centimeters high and 2 kilograms in weight.

The second stage commences with the harvested pineapples being washed prior to being graded according to their size. The smallest and medium-sized pineapples have their tops removed and their rinds peeled. Next, the smallest ones are put into an extractor to produce juice and the mid-sized pineapples are cut into slices or smaller chunks which are subsequently canned. The largest pineapples are coated in wax and placed in crates before being shipped abroad.

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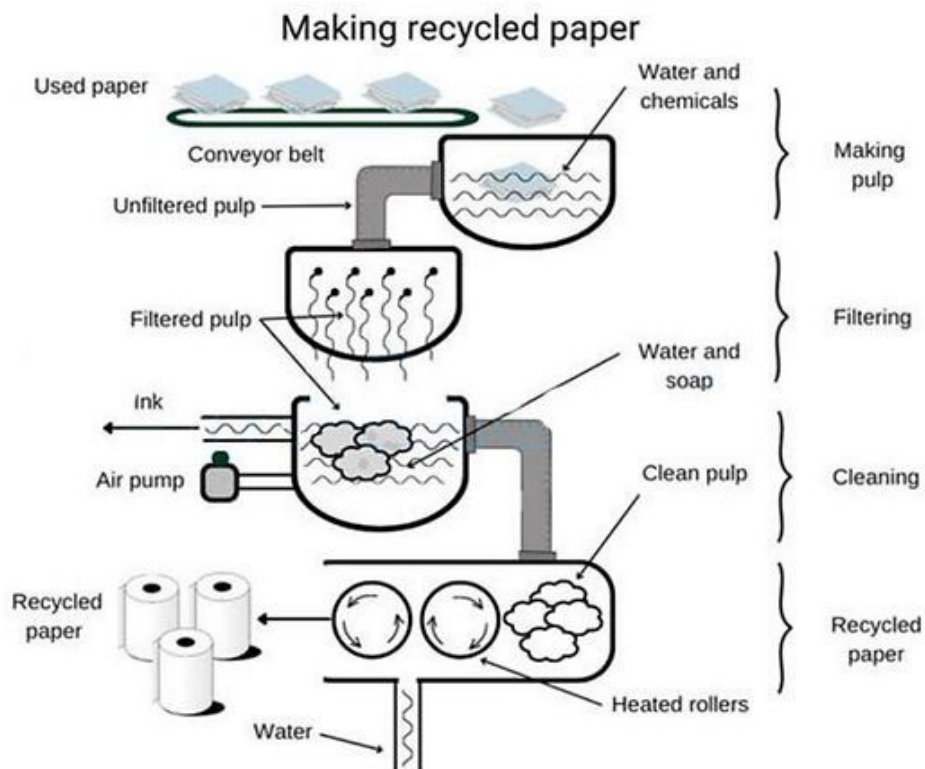
Processes & Procedures

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below describes the process of making recycled paper.

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

Write at least 150 words.



The process of recycling wastepaper into usable products is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are 4 major stages, commencing with making pulp from wastepaper and ending with the manufacturing of new products made of paper.

The conversion of used paper into pulp is the first main stage where the paper is deposited, through a conveyor belt, into a vat and mixed with water and chemicals. The resulting pulp moves on to the next filtering stage when it is transferred, through a pipe, into a second vat and is filtered to remove impurities.

In the subsequent cleaning stage, the filtered pulp is washed in soap and water in another container, which is powered by an air pump. During this step, any ink remaining on the pulp is extracted through a pipe. In the next stage, excess water in the clean pulp is forced out when it is passed through heated rollers and finally, it is converted into paper products.

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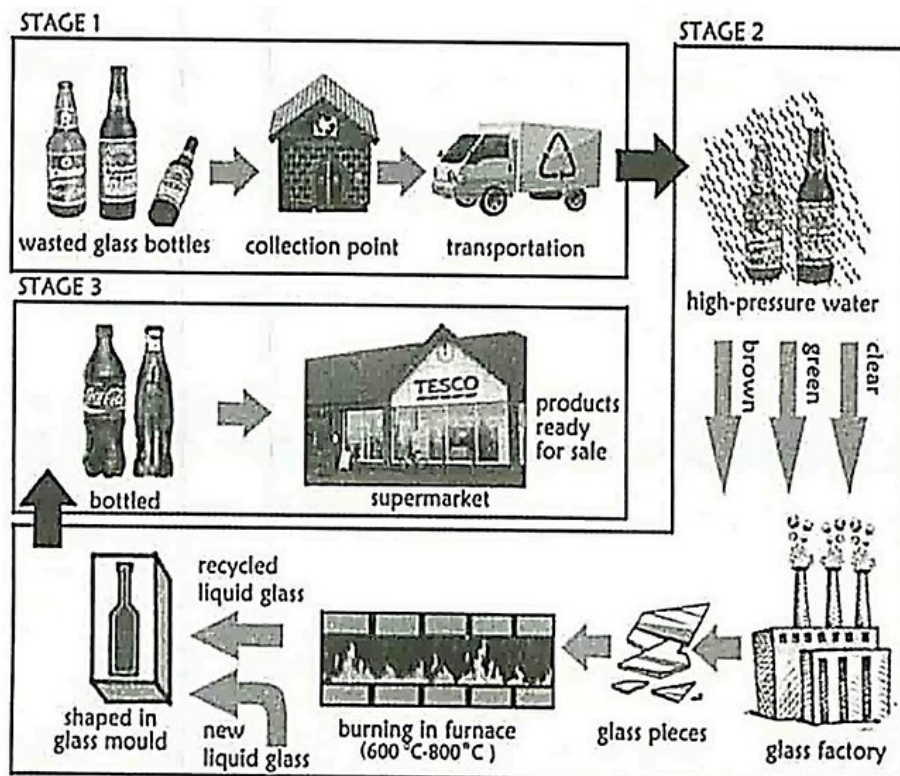
Recycle Procedure

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the process of recycling bottles.

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

Write at least 150 words



The procedure for reusing bottles made of glass is depicted in the diagram. Overall, there are a number of steps divided into 3 stages, commencing with empty bottles and finishing with these filled with commercial products on sale at retail outlets.

Initially, in stage 1, the bottles are taken to a collection point where they are gathered and transported away by a truck. In stage 2, the bottles are divided into three categories according to their color after they have been cleaned using a high-pressure wash.

Subsequently, at the glass factory, they are crushed into pieces and then loaded into a furnace where they are heated at high temperatures until liquified. Next, the liquid glass is mixed with new glass material and poured into a mold which shapes it into a new bottle. In what is categorized as stage 3, bottles are filled with various products and finally transported to stores where they are placed on sale.

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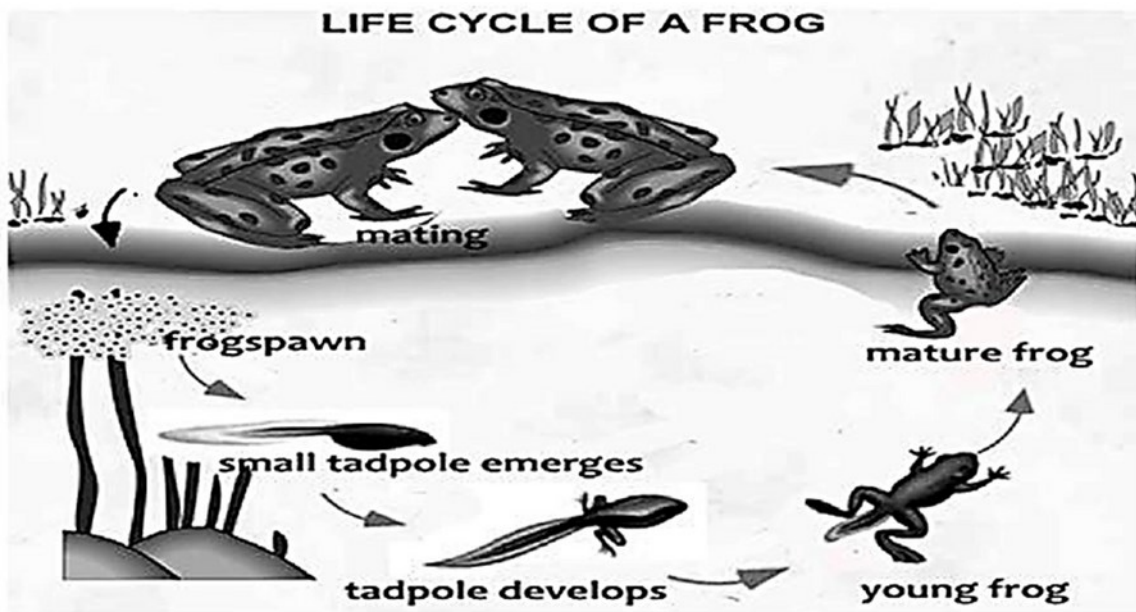
Natural Cycle

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram below shows the stages in the life cycle of a frog.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The diagram shows the cycle of life of a frog. Overall, there are 6 stages in its life, beginning with mating and it is an ongoing process.

Once the adult frogs have mated, the female lays her eggs or frogspawn, which are attached to vegetation, just under the surface of the water. After a period of time, the infant frog or tadpole, which has a tiny body with a long tail, emerges from the egg. The tadpole subsequently evolves over time and grows hind legs and develops a bigger body.

The next stage of its cycle is the evolution of the young frog which has 4 legs and a much larger body that resembles the adult frog. However, it still retains its tail which, by this time, is a lot smaller than the previous versions. The final stage of its transformation is when the young frog evolves into a mature one that no longer has a tail and has fully developed legs and a body. This mature frog then finds a mate and the cycle begins again.

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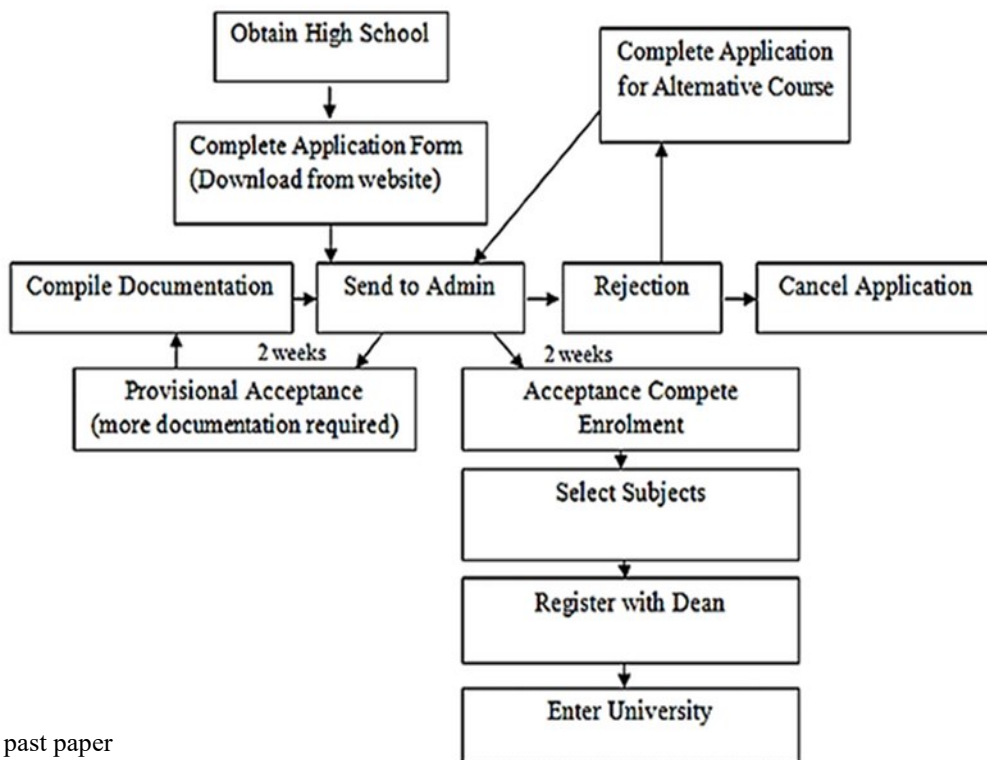
Flow Chart

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The diagram shows the procedure for university entry for high school graduates.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

Illustrated in the flowchart is the procedure which students, who have graduated from high school, follow when applying for a college course. Overall, there are several steps, commencing with high school graduation and ending with either rejection of the application or successfully entering university.

Once the application form has been downloaded and completed by high school graduates, it is forwarded to the university admin department where there are several possible outcomes. If it is rejected, it will either be cancelled, or the applicant can apply for a different course and resubmit their alternate application to the same department.

Alternatively, when the form is provisionally accepted, after a 2-week consideration period, the applicant is required to gather and provide additional documents to support their application and then submit these to the college. Once candidates are accepted at the end of a fourteen-day appraisal, they can complete their registration with the Dean after they have chosen their preferred subjects and then they finally join the college.

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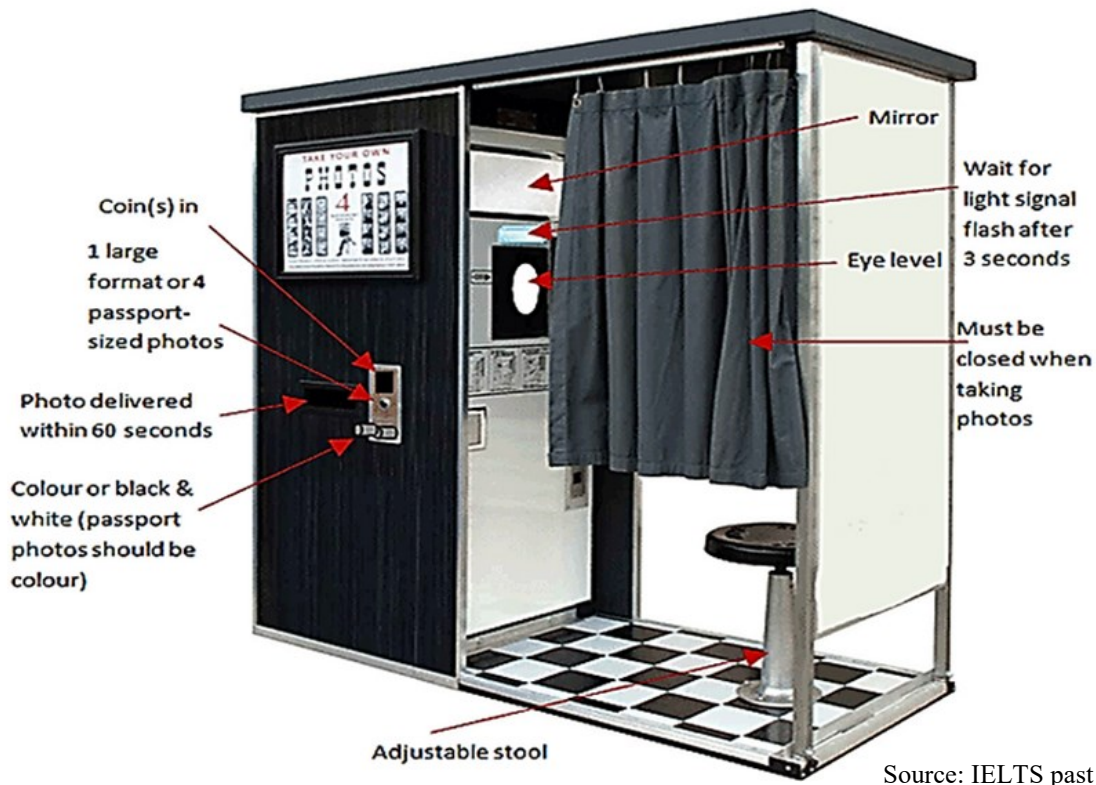
Machines & Devices

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The picture below shows an automatic photo booth.

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

Write at least 150 words



Source: IELTS past paper

The main features of a coin-operated photo booth are depicted in the photograph. Overall, the device allows users to take two different types of photos.

On the outside of the device, the user should, to begin with, insert coins into the slot. The amount they pay depends on which type of service they want, either a single large size picture or four passport-sized ones. The customer can then select if they want black and white or color prints, although passport photos must be in color.

The user has to close the curtain when the photographs are being taken. There is a mirror inside the booth in which people can check their appearance and there is an adjustable stool that should be lowered or raised so that the user's eyes are level with the screen. A light above the screen comes on to signal the photo will be taken and the flash goes off after three seconds. The photos can be collected from the large slot on the outside of the booth within a minute.

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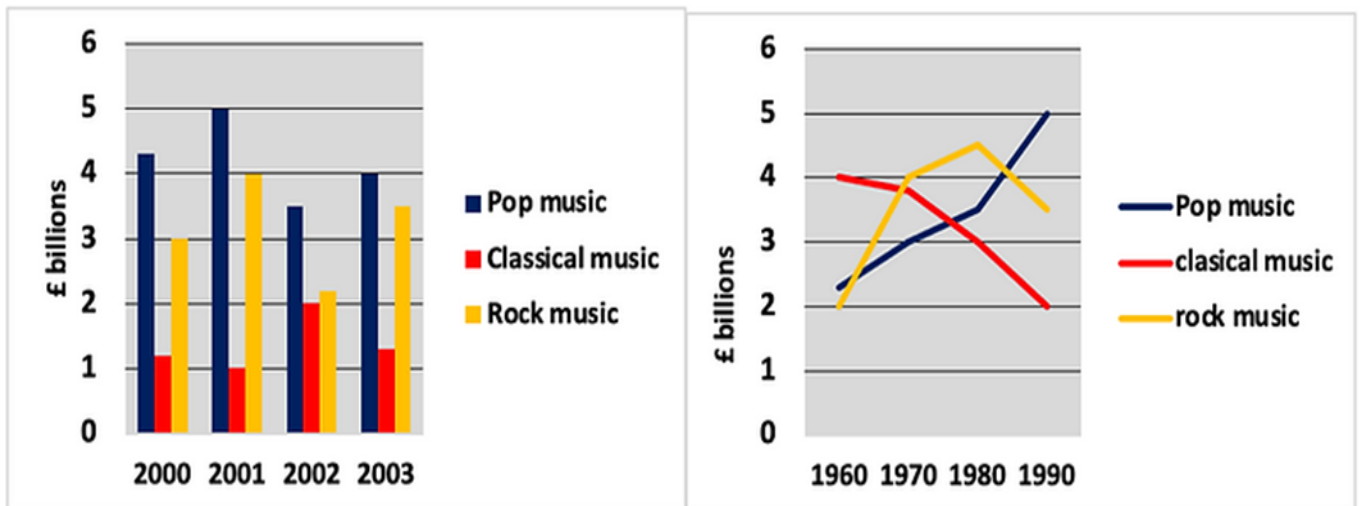
Multiple Diagrams

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs below provide information about the sales of three different types of music in England.

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

Write at least 150 words



Depicted in the diagrams are the sales of three kinds of music per decade and annually. Overall, pop music was consistently the best seller, according to the bar chart, while the line graph shows that sales of pop and rock increased, whereas classical decreased.

The sales of all music types, illustrated in the bar chart, fluctuated over the years, but pop was consistently the most popular and peaked at £5 billion in 2001, while rock reached its highest level in 2001 at £4 billion. Classical, in comparison, was always the least popular, with the lowest amount sold in 2001 at just over £1 billion.

As for the line graph, the sales for pop more than doubled from approximately £2.2 in 1960 to £5 billion in 1990 whereas classical sales slumped by 50%, from £4 to £2 billion over the same period of time. There was a steep rise in the sales of rock from £2 to £4.5 billion from 1960 to 1980, but sales sharply declined over the next decade from approximately £4.5 to £3.5 billion.

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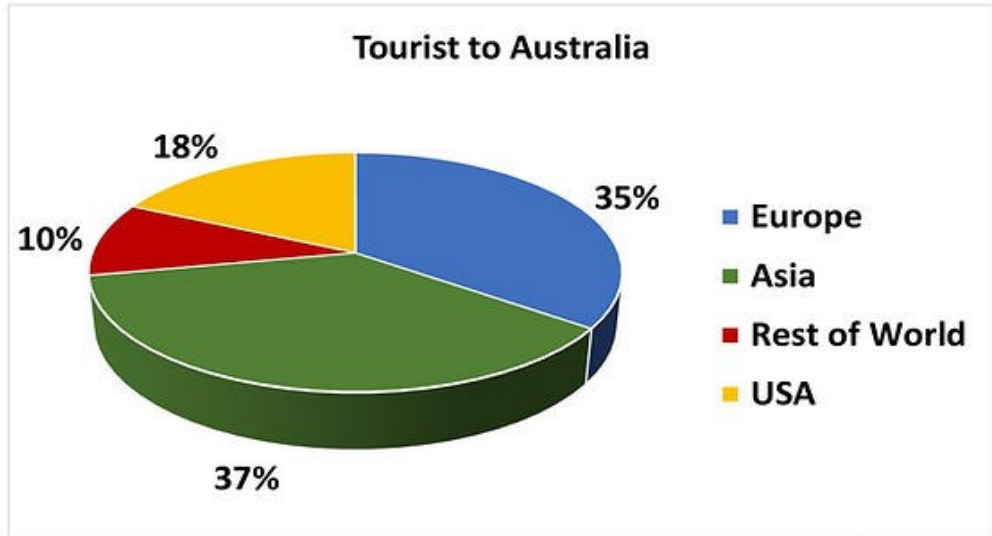
Multiple Diagrams

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The pie chart and table below give information about tourists visiting Australia.

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

Write at least 150 words.



	Asia	USA	Europe	Rest of World
Average length of stay	7 days	16 days	14 days	10 days
Accommodation	5-star hotels	Compounds/ caravan parks	4-star hotels	Compounds/ caravan parks
Main activity	Sightseeing	Swimming/ sunbathing	Sightseeing	Surfing

Depicted in the pie chart and the table is the rate of visitors to Australia, along with the details of their visit. Overall, Australia receives Asian tourists the most although these travelers stay the shortest time, whereas Americans spend the most days. Meanwhile, outdoor activities are the most appealing among all nations.

Holidaymakers from countries in Asia constitute most trips made to Australia, accounting for 37%, a rate 2% higher than that of guests from Europe. Contrarily, 18% of the total percentage of tourists are Americans, while only 1 out of 10 people travelling to Australia is from the rest of the world.

All travelers stay in this nation for at least 10 days except for Asian visitors, who visit Australia for an average of one week. Both Asian and European tourists, lodging in hotels rated 4-5 stars, are mainly sightseers. Those travelling from other regions, who choose compounds or caravan parks as their accommodation, enjoy beach-related activities, with either swimming and sunbathing for the USA and surfing for the rest of the world.

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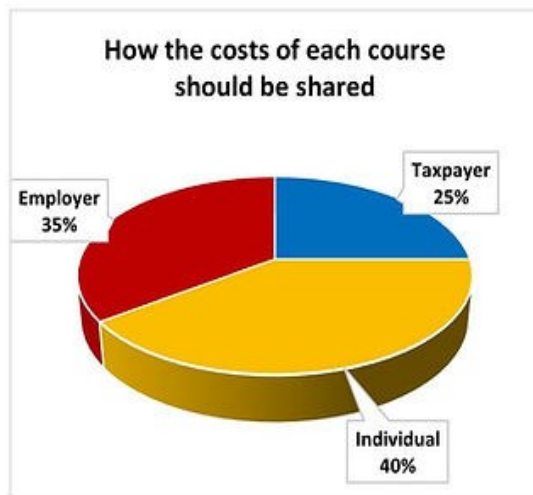
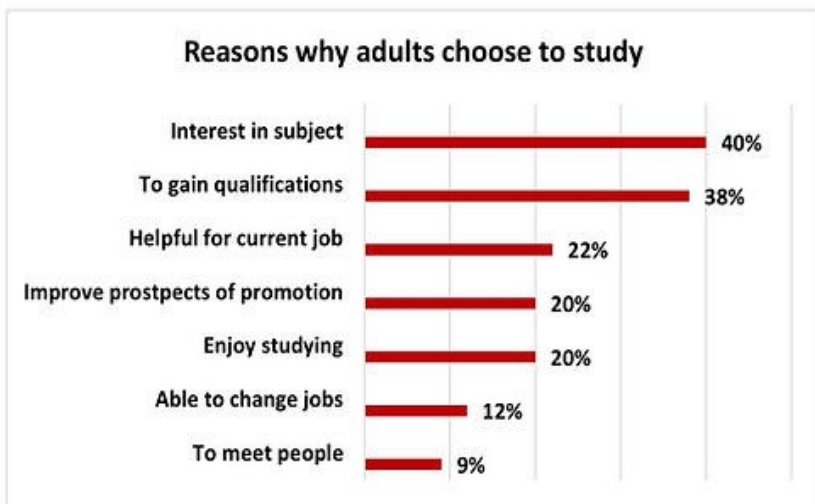
Multiple Diagrams

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The bar chart shows the reasons why adults choose to study while the pie chart shows how people think the cost of adult education should be shared.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Illustrated in the diagrams are the reasons why adults opt to study and the beliefs of how the expenses ought to be shared. Overall, interest in the major is the most popular factor influencing people’s choice and it is believed, by the majority, that individuals should bear the highest proportion of expenditure.

According to the bar chart, 40% of adults choose to study due to their interest in the subject, whereas only 9% of them want to meet people. The data, moreover, for gaining qualifications stands at 38%, which is higher than that for job mobility by 26%. The chance for promotion and the enjoyment of learning are equal at 20% each.

Regarding the pie chart, respondents of the survey believe that 40% of the costs of education ought to be paid by individuals. In contrast, 25% believe the taxpayer should contribute to the expenses, while 35% think the employer should be responsible for contributing to the price.

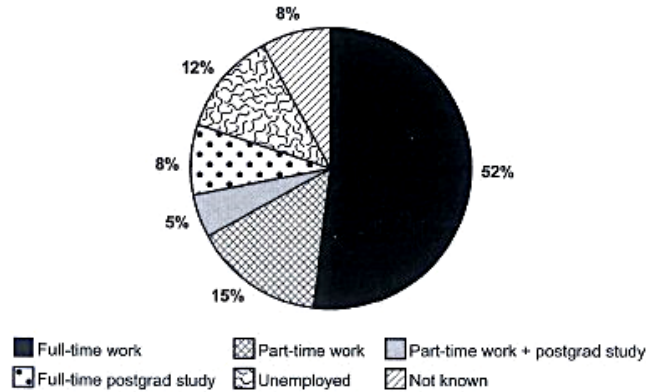
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Multiple Diagrams

The chart below shows what Anthropology graduates from one university did after finishing their undergraduate degree course. The table shows the salaries of the anthropologists in work after five years. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Destination of Anthropology graduates (from one university)



Salaries of Anthropology graduates (after 5 years' work)

Type of employment	\$25,000–49,999	\$50,000–74,999	\$75,000–99,999	\$100,000+
Freelance consultants	5%	15%	40%	40%
Government sector	5%	15%	30%	50%
Private companies	10%	35%	25%	30%

Source: IELTS past paper

The pie chart illustrates what students of anthropology, from a college, did after graduation, while the table compares their earnings after 5 years in employment. Overall, the majority of students decided to enter full-time employment after graduation, while government sector employees were the highest paid after 5 years.

Slightly more than half the graduates, at 52%, from a single college, entered full time employment, whereas combining full-time work with a postgrad course was the least popular choice and accounted for 5% of the total figures. In addition, enrolling on a full-time postgrad course and not known were the second lowest figures and constituted 8% each.

Half of the graduates of anthropology who worked for the government, received a salary of more than \$100,000, while 10% of those employed by private companies received \$25,000 to \$49,999. An equal percentage of freelance consultants and government employees receive identical salaries, with 5% receiving \$25,000 to \$49,999 and 15% getting a salary between \$50,000 and \$74,999.

162 words

Writing Task 2

Agree or Disagree

**You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic**

Many people believe that the current system of both teachers and students in the classroom will no longer exist by the year 2050.

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is claimed by many that the contemporary practice of students interacting with teachers in actual classrooms is forecast to disappear by 2050. I strongly disagree with this statement and this essay will detail the reasons why.

While it is incontrovertible that remote learning has become an increasingly popular and convenient method of learning especially for adults and college students, I believe that this approach is not effective when it comes to children and adolescents. This is because these groups of pupils lack the concentration levels for distance learning where it is necessary to sit in front of a screen for long periods, usually at home where there are too many distractions. For instance, in my country in 2018, political leaders implemented a pilot scheme of studying remotely with several secondary schools. The result was that 80% of pupils had worse academic results when compared to other institutions that did not employ such a system.

Another drawback is that many courses are not practically suited to digital teaching, especially courses that involve a high degree of hands on practice, supervised by a tutor. Science subjects such as physics and chemistry require students to conduct experiments in a lab setting, which would be impossible with online classes. It is simply not realistic to expect students to have access to the necessary equipment and, obviously, there are health and safety issues associated with youngsters conducting hazardous experiments without guidance.

In conclusion, classroom tuition, with tutors and pupils in the same room, will never be completely replaced because remote learning is not a suitable approach for youngsters and, what is more, it is impractical for subjects requiring explicit practice.

276 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Opinions on food are changing rapidly and there are many who believe that everyone should follow a vegetarian diet because it would have a positive impact on our health and the environment.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increased awareness of how a meat-free diet can benefit our health and the environment has resulted in the widely held belief that everyone should become vegetarian. I equally agree and disagree with this proposal and this essay will outline the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are several benefits to becoming a vegetarian. Specifically, medical research has proved conclusively that vegetarians are less likely to develop health-related issues such as obesity or cardio-vascular diseases. High cholesterol levels, moreover, can be reduced and controlled by eliminating meat from our diet. Additionally, sourcing food from alternatives to meat can reduce the negative environmental impact of industrial meat farming where huge swathes of natural habitat are lost every year to deforestation.

Meat consumption, however, is considered to be a reliable and essential source of vitamins and minerals that are crucial in maintaining physical health. A vegetarian diet lacks the important nutrients which are vital, for example, when it comes to the healthy development of children. As a result, these deficiencies need to be addressed by a high intake of supplements. One more consideration is that meat production is a billion-dollar industry on which millions of people rely upon for employment and switching to a vegetarian culture would result in the loss of their livelihood.

To conclude, I believe a balance of meat and vegetables in one's diet is the healthiest option that would have the advantage of safeguarding peoples' jobs. However, consumption of meat ought to be reduced for health and environmental reasons and alternatives should be considered.

258 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

University students should pay the full cost of their studies because university education benefits individuals rather than society as a whole.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is argued that tertiary level students ought to be responsible for the expenses of their studies because achieving a degree is of more value to the individual than society. This essay will detail the reasons why the writer completely disagrees with this premise.

Even though research has proven that college degree holders earn substantially more than those without one, the costs of full-time education are not affordable to the average student. Tuition fees and the cost of living, while attending college, are a financial burden that most families cannot bear, and only young people from a wealthy background would be able to attend university. Student loan programs, available in many countries, have enabled economically challenged individuals to gain a degree, but after graduation, they have struggled to pay back their loans and often default.

In addition, governments need to invest in their citizens by encouraging youngsters to further their education since a highly educated workforce contributes to the economic development of a nation. For example, the Irish government contributes over 50% of college fees for all third-level students. As a result, Ireland has witnessed sustained economic and social growth and reversed the trend of emigration. Countries that have not subsidized their citizens have witnessed a shortfall of qualified people in their workforce, and this has resulted in them having to recruit from overseas.

In conclusion, students should not be responsible for funding their university education because the costs are prohibitive and governments should contribute to these since, in the long term, it benefits society.

255 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

The media pays too much attention to the lives and relationships of celebrities such as actors, singers, or footballers. They should spend more time reporting about ordinary people instead.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is said that news stories these days excessively revolve around the personal lives of celebrities; therefore, it is suggested that the media should divert their attention to life stories of the public. I equally agree and disagree with this suggestion, and this essay will detail the reasons why.

Too much coverage of public figures may set unrealistic expectations for beauty, and success, resulting in lower self-esteem among audiences. Well-known individuals are often portrayed as having flawless appearances and extravagant lifestyles. These idealized images can make people feel insecure or inadequate about their own lives. On the other hand, featuring stories of commoners from various backgrounds and lifestyles, or articles showcasing normal individuals' everyday achievements, allows viewers to see themselves reflected in the media, reducing the pressure to conform to standards set through celebrities' lives.

Nevertheless, people from the entertainment and sports industries should not be neglected completely for they can be a nation's economic driver. Reports on celebrity-related events, such as movie premieres or sports tournaments, often raise awareness and generate excitement among fans, which lead to them spending on products or services related to these events. In addition, tourism revenues can be increased through media attention to the personal travels or vacations of famous actors which, in turn, can inspire fans to visit the same destinations.

In conclusion, the main reason why I agree is that overexposure to famous people's private affairs may glamorize unrealistic standards, consequently negatively impacting self-esteem. However, I also believe that completely diverting the spotlight away from celebrities would be impractical because of the inherent interest in these people.

266 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people say it is better to be unemployed than work in a job you dislike.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by a section of society that is preferable to be out of work rather than continue working in a job that causes unhappiness. This essay will expand on the reasons why I equally agree and disagree with this premise.

The primary reason why employees should not continue with a job they do not like is mental well-being. Regardless of how well-paid the job is, if it is the source of considerable stress, it can only harm one's state of mind. My uncle, for instance, held a prestigious and well remunerated post in local government for fifteen years but because of the heavy workload and long hours, he constantly felt under pressure to meet deadlines and deal with unreasonable requests. As a result, he developed a medical condition which was diagnosed as stress related. Despite this, he continued with the job because he had to support his extended family.

On the other hand, it is often advisable to persist with a job rather than be faced with the prospect of no income at all. In my country, for example, if an employee voluntarily leaves employment, they are not eligible for unemployment benefit for 6 months. Research from a national university has shown that most government employees are unsatisfied with their jobs. However, they have decided to persist in their roles rather than face the financial hardships of unemployment.

In conclusion, it is preferable to be unemployed when a job is a source of dissatisfaction that has a negative impact on mental health. However, it is often necessary to tolerate a difficult situation when the alternative is bleak.

268 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

It is a good idea for people to continue working beyond retirement age.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Some people suggest that senior citizens continue in employment after they have reached the age of retirement. I equally agree and disagree with this belief and this essay will detail the reasons why.

On the one hand, employees who are due to retire are often key workers within a company because of their wealth of experience and knowledge. Organizations can utilize these employees as trainers, for example, for recently hired employees and consultants who can contribute to important policy making initiatives. Many workers, in addition, can find retirement challenging because they are no longer mentally and physically active, which may lead to reduced self-esteem. Therefore, continuing to work, even on a part-time basis or working from home, can provide positive reinforcement, in that they feel valued, along with keeping them physically active.

On the other hand, continuing to work after a certain age is not suitable for certain types of jobs. Because of their advanced age and physical condition, it is not advisable for these workers to continue to do physically demanding jobs such as manual labor or potentially hazardous jobs. For instance, consider a situation where a senior firefighter, who has devoted their career to ensuring public safety, reaches their early 60s. While their commitment and experience are invaluable, the strenuous nature of firefighting, with its rigorous physical demands and exposure to hazardous environments, could pose significant risks to their health and effectiveness. Thus, staying in the workforce would not be an ideal situation for them.

In conclusion, continuing to work after retirement age can have a positive effect on senior citizens' well-being. Nevertheless, some professions are not suitable to continue in because they are physically demanding and dangerous.

280 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

Many people believe it is better to learn something in a group rather than individually. Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

When it comes to learning a subject or skill, there are those who contend that group study is preferable to studying alone. I equally agree and disagree with this belief and this essay will details the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are social and academic benefits to learning in a group. Regarding the social side, it is an opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and develop new friendships. For instance, someone I know met his future wife during an evening class at a community college. He was studying creative writing in a group of 7 other students who regularly socialized after class and he developed a relationship with a fellow student and they eventually got married. In addition, studying with others gives students the chance to discuss their subject with their peers and gain different perspectives which enhances the learning process.

On the other hand, learning something alone can be a positive experience especially when one considers the plethora of online material. A lot of us are utilizing online tutorials to learn practical skills that were traditionally taught only in centers of learning. When I recently developed a website, I learned how to do it on my own using the company's tutorials and additional YouTube videos which were clear and concise. Additionally, studying on my own meant that I could do so at my own convenience and avoid the costs of registering for a public course at an institution.

In conclusion, learning in a group setting has considerable social benefits however, studying solo is equally effective and practical as you can study when you have the time.

271 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Schools should focus on academic success and passing examinations. Skills such as cookery, dressmaking and woodwork should not be taught at school as it is better to learn these from family and friends.

To what extent do you agree or disagree.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

There is a belief that schools should focus their curriculum on the successful achievement of academic qualifications and practical subjects like cookery and woodwork should not be offered to pupils. I totally disagree with this view and this essay will details the reasons why.

It is the responsibility of educational institutions to cater for all students and not to show bias towards academically gifted ones. Educators must recognize that students all have different intelligences and provide courses that will enable them to fulfill their potential. Not to do so would be a dereliction of duty which, in turn, would be detrimental to the growth of society and its economy as large sections of the population were not being given the same opportunities as others. Believing that practical subjects can be taught by friends and family belittles the actual skills the students possess.

Furthermore, not all students are academically inclined and can struggle to achieve results in subjects such as literature or history. Despite this, they have the ability to learn and excel in practical or vocational subjects. For instance, my brother consistently received low grades in academic subjects, but the opposite was true for ones like woodwork and metalwork. As a result, he left school to enroll in a vocational college where he achieved certification as a welder and subsequently enjoyed a long and prosperous career.

In conclusion, believing schools should only cater for students who can achieve success in academic subjects discriminates against those who are more practically gifted. Such a practice would be harmful to the development of society because it denies opportunities to a sizeable number of students.

271 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many elderly people are no longer being looked after by their families, rather they are living in nursing homes. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of senior citizens in today's society are not being taken care of by their immediate family; instead, they are residing in care establishments. This essay will analyze the positive and negative aspects of this trend.

On a positive note, elderly peoples' physical and mental well-being are carefully monitored and evaluated by trained professionals in residential homes. Scientific research clearly identifies that most people over the age of 60 suffer from potentially serious health issues such as cardiovascular diseases. Care facilities, however, have suitably qualified medical personnel and equipment to meet these challenges. Additionally, from a psychological perspective, residents' mental health is stimulated through living in a community where there is potential for positive camaraderie with like-minded individuals.

On the other hand, there are several drawbacks to elderly people living in nursing homes that affect both themselves and their family members. For instance, being apart from their immediate family, on a daily basis, can result in unpleasant emotions such as feelings of isolation and being undervalued as a family member. The expense of care homes, in addition, can impose a serious financial burden on the family. In my country, for example, a one-month's stay usually costs 3000 dollars with other charges excluded. Consequently, the majority of people on low incomes usually have no choice but to take care of elderly family members by themselves.

In conclusion, homes for the aged provide geriatric patients with professional medical services that potentially prolong their lives. The challenges, however, include feelings of abandonment amongst residents along with the unmanageable financial costs to their families.

262 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many university students nowadays live away from their home and their parents because of their university location, while others live with their families. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each situation?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Today, college students either reside in their family home or live at the place where they study. This essay will discuss the pros and cons of both practices.

For students who continue to live at home during their time at university, the major positive is a sense of familiarity and security. Those who remain at home have the comfort of a familiar daily routine where their parents provide for them, and they do not have to stress over domestic chores such as laundry and cooking. However, the main disadvantage is the financial burden they can place on their family. If the student does not study on a scholarship or has part-time employment, the financial costs to parents of supporting their adult child can be considerable.

The main advantage for students choosing to find accommodation at their college is that it fosters a sense of independence. Students often relish the challenge of having the responsibility of managing their own lives, whether it is something as simple as cooking their own meals to budgeting their finances. On the other hand, the primary disadvantages are the social challenges that come with relocating away from home. For some students, it is often quite difficult to form new friendships, especially in an academic environment, and failure to do so can result in negative feelings such as isolation and loneliness.

In conclusion, students who live at home continue to enjoy their home comforts but can create serious financial problems for their parents. In contrast, students who reside at their college can become more independent; however, they may become socially isolated.

264 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

*Today children spend a lot of their free time watching TV.
Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this practice?*

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In contemporary society youngsters spend a sizeable amount of their leisure time watching television. This essay will detail the reasons why the benefits and drawbacks are of equal importance.

For children, there are several advantages to watching television. To begin with, the educational content of certain programs can broaden their knowledge. TV channels such as National Geographic provide a variety of educationally rich content that enables youngsters to learn about other cultures and the natural world. Moreover, from the perspective of entertainment, television can help children relax, especially during periods of pressure at school such as the exam season. These relaxation periods are essential for pupils to reinvigorate themselves which, in turn, can energize them to approach their schoolwork with renewed motivation.

On the other hand, the downsides of excessive TV watching cannot be ignored. For instance, watching TV is a passive activity that can lead to a sedentary lifestyle that can have a negative impact on children's physical health. It has been proved that one of the factors contributing to the increasing number of obese children is a lack of physical exercise. Additionally, some TV shows may contain content that is inappropriate for minors, such as excessive violence or certain vices. Therefore, parental guidance through the monitoring of what children watch is important.

In conclusion, there are several positives such as the educational value and the relaxation time that watching TV can provide. However, the negatives should not be forgotten, which include unsuitable programs for youngsters and an inactive lifestyle.

251 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

When it comes to English language test preparation, students are increasingly using artificial intelligence to assist them.

Do the advantages of this practice outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Today AI offers a method of preparing for an English language exam that is becoming more popular amongst students. This essay will expand on the writer's opinion that the positives and negatives of this trend are of equal value.

The primary benefit of using AI is that it offers students who, because of their lifestyles or study preferences, do not have the time or inclination to attend an academy or employ a tutor. Students who prefer self-study when getting ready for an English test, such as IELTS, can check their writing tasks and speaking performance through AI which is often free. What is more, AI can be a useful learning tool when it comes to improving one's English language proficiency. The feedback given by AI can be utilized by students to expand their range of vocabulary and improve the accurate use of grammatical structures.

The main drawback of using artificial intelligence is reliability. Even though many sites and apps give incredibly detailed feedback, the test grades they give can be questionable. For instance, a former student of mine prepared for the IELTS writing and speaking tests by using AI and regularly got feedback indicating they would score 6.0. However, her actual score in the test was 5.0 which caused her to question the accuracy of AI grading. Additionally, the suggestions for improvement from AI are usually at a high level of English proficiency which means students at lower levels do not have the ability to apply the feedback.

In conclusion, AI offers an alternative method of preparing for an English exam. However, doubts still linger about AI's accuracy when it comes to forecasting test scores.

275 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

Some companies have a policy of employing people from different age groups.

Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Diversity in employing people from diverse age groups is embraced by several companies these days. This essay will argue that the benefits of this practice outweigh the drawbacks.

Hiring people from different generations greatly helps enterprises to grow and increases employees' value. First of all, when people from different age groups work together, companies gain access to a wider range of perspectives and ideas, allowing innovation and creativity to flourish. Consequently, new products or services can be developed, leading to increased profitability for the business. When the older and younger generations collaborate with each other, both gain valuable knowledge. Older employees, possessing specialized skills and expertise, can mentor a recent graduate entering the workforce, accelerating the younger employee's growth. Likewise, younger employees can share their expertise in emerging technologies and trends, contributing to the professional development of their older colleagues.

Even though it is highly likely that different age groups have varying familiarity with tools, processes, and technologies, it is in the company's interest to accommodate both demographics. Youngsters, for instance, are more acquainted with using digital platforms or software applications, while the older ones may require training to adapt to these technologies. Therefore, in order to bridge the gaps in their skills and knowledge, companies have to develop customized training programs and, in turn, allocate budgets. Increased productivity, however, is nearly always the result of the company's investment in people.

In conclusion, despite the possibility of spending more money when onboarding staff from different age brackets, the growth of both businesses and employees is priceless. Hence, this type of recruitment is considerably more beneficial than detrimental.

268 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In many countries, it is mandatory for school children to wear school uniforms.

Do the advantages of this policy outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

All over the world it is compulsory for school pupils to wear uniforms. This essay will detail the reasons why the positives outweigh the negatives.

Even though it is believed by some that uniforms stifle individuality, most schools have adopted a school uniform policy that, they believe, fosters a sense of camaraderie and identity. When pupils wear their uniform, they feel a sense of belonging to an institution which, in turn, instills feelings of pride. Wearing the school colors, especially for inter-school competitions, increases the pupils' feelings of competitiveness and sense of achievement. Many of my former school mates look back fondly on their school days and associate the school uniform as one of the factors for their enduring memories.

In addition, uniforms prevent school children, particularly teenagers, from indulging in fashion rivalry. Before my niece's school introduced a uniform policy, a lot of the pupils would spend a considerable amount of time and money on their appearance. In particular, their desire to own and show off the latest trends in trainers became so obsessive that several parents complained to the school that they should introduce a school uniform policy. What is more, poverty-shaming was a common form of bullying where less affluent children would be ridiculed for their old or non-fashionable attire.

In conclusion, despite the conventionality associated with uniforms, the pros of schools requiring children to wear them completely outweigh the cons. Not only do they encourage an esprit de corps amongst pupils but they also prevent fashion conflict and poverty-shaming.

253 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

New technologies have changed the way children spend their free time.

Do you think the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Advances in technology have determined how members of society, especially youngsters, spend their leisure time. This essay will describe why the negatives of this phenomenon totally outweigh the positives.

The primary reason why the use of recent technologies has had a negative impact is the deterioration in social relationships. Before the advent of social media, children met and socialized with their peers in person whereas today, they prefer to spend most of their time in front of screens. This trend of socializing online has presented youngsters with issues such as what constitutes genuine friendship. A lot of children have literally thousands of friends on social media, but they, almost certainly, have never met these people and have no way of telling if they are real. As a result, the proliferation of fake online profiles means that young people are exposed to those with criminal intentions.

Additionally, the dependence on technology has led to a degradation in children's physical and psychological well-being. Young people today lead a sedentary lifestyle which has resulted in increased levels of obesity. Studies show that the average weight of youngsters has increased dramatically over the last 20 years. What is more, children's self-esteem can be affected by how popular they perceive themselves to be on social media for instance, how many likes they might get for posting something. Also, social media trolling by anonymous users where they attack young people by posting derogatory comments can be detrimental to young people's state of mind.

In conclusion, advancements in technology have had a disadvantageous effect on children's leisure time because of potentially harmful, online social relationships along with causing a decline in youngster's physical and mental health.

279 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In some countries more and more parents begin to teach their children at home rather than send them to school.

Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It has become popular in some nations for parents to educate their children at home rather than place them in a traditional pre-school or kindergarten establishment. This essay will detail the reasons why the disadvantages greatly outweigh the positives of this practice.

Although the cost of pre-school education can be quite prohibitive in certain countries, the educational benefits for children are immeasurable. Kindergarten teachers spend several years at college to become qualified in the latest pedagogical methodologies and practices such as learning through play. Parents, on the other hand, can be opinionated with personal theories on how children should learn which are not based on any knowledge of contemporary educational practice. Additionally, pre-school teachers are highly trained in the pastoral care of young pupils and are the experts in recognizing emotional needs.

Pre-schools are not only valuable places for academic grounding and progress but are vital for students' socialization. Interaction and developing relationships with peers, at a young age, are important aspects of attending school. Pupils have the opportunity to make friends and gain valuable experience in social situations that will enable them to grow emotionally. These friendships started at school often last for life. Positive relationships, additionally, are often forged between families whose children become friends at school. Parents can meet others who share the similar concerns and joys of raising children and receive support and reassurance from new-found relationships.

In conclusion, even though pre-schools can be expensive, children are taught by qualified and experienced professionals and these educational establishments are essential for a child's emotional and social growth.

260 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

While some people consider global warming to be the most pressing environmental problem, others believe that deforestation has a more devastating impact on our world.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience

Write at least 250 words

It is believed by some that global warming is the greatest threat to our environment, while others contend that deforestation is more destructive. This essay will elaborate on both these positions and explain why overpopulation is the primary cause of environmental issues.

It has been scientifically proven that the Earth's temperature has increased steadily over a relatively short period of time. Global warming has had an adverse effect on the world's climate with an increase in extreme weather conditions such as drought and flooding. Furthermore, the polar ice caps are shrinking, which has resulted in a rise in sea levels that threatens to engulf certain regions.

Deforestation, in addition, has accelerated with huge swathes of natural habitats destroyed. For instance, the Amazon rainforest has been reduced in size at a record rate over the previous decades. The effect on indigenous animals has been dire with many species pushed to the brink of extinction through the loss of their natural habitat.

The negative effects of both trends are significant; however, they are symptoms of the root problem which is overpopulation. The world's population now stands at approximately 8 billion and is projected to increase to 10 billion by 2050. This rise has placed increasing demands on the earth's natural resources and increased the levels of CO₂ emissions to an extent that the rise in global temperatures is out of control.

In conclusion, global warming has contributed to life threatening weather conditions and the rise in sea levels, while deforestation has contributed to the extinction of several species. However, both are the result of the spectacular rise in the world's population to levels that have become unsustainable.

275 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that it is the responsibility of supermarkets and manufactures to reduce the amount of packaging they use on products, while others are of the opinion that customers should avoid goods with excessive packaging.

Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by some that retail outlets and producers should use as little packaging as possible, while others argue that consumers should boycott products that are excessively packaged. The essay will consider both these viewpoints while proposing that it is the responsibility of governments to combat this issue.

The amount of product packaging, particularly single-use plastics, has reached levels that pose a clear threat to our natural environment. Manufacturers and supermarkets are fully aware of the damage this type of packaging causes because of well-documented evidence. However, they continue to do very little to address this and take the cheapest, most convenient option of using materials that contribute to pollution to maximize their profits.

The influence of the consumer is very powerful, which is why some advocate the direct action of refusing to buy goods that have pollution-causing packaging. Customers can send a clear message to manufacturers that they will not contribute to pollution, which in turn will reduce company profit margins and force them to act. For instance, consumers can boycott products that are not clearly labeled with information about the packaging, such as 100% recyclable plastic.

Governments, through regulatory bodies, need to take immediate action to reduce the damage to the environment caused by too much packaging. Therefore, governments should impose penalties, such as an additional tax on companies that continue to use such practices. In addition, governments must introduce a complete ban on these harmful materials and fine all companies that violate it.

In conclusion, even though a consumer boycott can be effective in reducing the amount of packaging, it can be inconsistent, and manufacturers will always prioritize profits. Therefore, governments must introduce legislation to end the use of excessive and harmful packaging.

287 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people work for the same organization all their working life. Others think it is better to work for different employers.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

While many are in favor of the practice of dedicating their lives to a particular organization, others prefer to work for different ones. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and state the writer's opinion for why it is more advantageous to work for various companies.

For many employees, loyalty to a single company affords them the opportunity to become specialists who can gain valuable insights and expert knowledge in their particular vocation. This expertise, in turn, can provide the opportunity for career advancement. For instance, the CEO of a famous international bank started his career working as a bank teller. Because of his understanding of the industry, he worked his way up the corporate structure to the most senior position.

On the other hand, there are those who claim that it is more beneficial to work for a variety of organizations. The primary reason for this belief is the positive experience that can be gained by working in more challenging work environments, which have more progressive working practices. The ability of employees to be able to conform to alternative situations adds to the skills set, specifically flexibility and adaptability.

My own belief is that it is more beneficial for employees to work for a variety of companies, specifically when it pertains to professional development. Overcoming fresh challenges, presented in a different workplace, are essential for professional growth. In addition, changing organizations prevents feelings of monotony, which can have a negative impact on motivation and job satisfaction.

In conclusion, although employment with the same organization for a long period can provide the opportunity for specialization and possible promotion, it is my contention that working for a variety of companies increases an employee's skills.

283 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that science should be part of everyone's education, while others disagree.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is suggested that science be every student's fundamental subject at school; others, on the other hand, argue against such a suggestion. This essay will elaborate on these two opposing ideas and shall provide my own perspective.

On one hand, critics of forcing students to study this subject perhaps perceive this as neglecting learners' diverse interests. Not all individuals in a classroom are naturally inclined towards or interested in science. For instance, a student may love painting and drawing; however, his school requires all students to extensively study science subjects, including physics, chemistry, and biology. This can lead to this student's disengagement and frustration, which may demotivate him from pursuing his passion.

On the other hand, I share the belief of those who propose scientific literacy, since science will open a wide range of career opportunities for people. This field of study provides students with foundational knowledge that serves as a springboard for pursuing a career in industries that are world-essential, such as medicine and technology. For example, students who study biology and chemistry can be prepared for professions such as doctors and pharmacists. Similarly, those who excel in science subjects are well-positioned for careers in software development and information technology.

In conclusion, ignoring students' varied inclinations is apparently the reason why some people do not support the idea of having it included in our education system. However, I agree with those who see its importance. With its promise of a bright future, it is reasonable that it should not be excluded from schools' curricula.

255 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some countries allow teenagers to have a part-time job. Some people think this is a good idea, while others disagree.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In certain nations teenagers are often employed on a part-time basis. This is considered beneficial by some while others hold the opposite opinion. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and detail the writer's position.

Some people argue that teenagers benefit financially from being employed, even on a part-time basis. Since they are completely dependent on the parents for financial support, the wages they earn can, somewhat, alleviate the burden that their parents face. For instance, my 16-year-old cousin earns several hundred dollars per week working at a local supermarket, which she uses to contribute towards her school fees.

On the other hand, it is argued that part-time employment distracts teens away from their studies. Success at high school depends on devoting time to self-study and completing homework. If students' time after school is taken up with part-time labor, then there is very little time left for academic work. In addition to this being time consuming, teens can lose focus by prioritize earning money rather than their studies.

My belief is that this practice has equal benefits and drawbacks. Teenagers can gain valuable, real-life experience about the workplace. Specifically, how companies operate and how to advance within an organization. However, one of the greatest negatives is the rate of pay that most teenagers get. They can be exploited by companies who use them as cheap labor, which results in them receiving less than the legal, minimum wage.

In conclusion, teenagers can gain valuable experience by doing part-time work along with relieving the financial commitments of their parents. However, it can result in academic failure and exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

269 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people think that governments should ban dangerous sports, while others think people should have freedom to do any sports or activity.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Some argue that everybody should be able to choose any activities they wish to do while others contend that sports that pose a danger should be banned. This essay will discuss both viewpoints and detail the writer's opinion.

People believe that everyone should have the freedom to follow the activities they love especially if they do not harm others or negatively affect the environment. It is true that there is no specific law preventing people from taking part in extreme sports like sky diving or free climbing. Therefore, dangerous sports enthusiasts argue that they are not doing anything illegal and it is a matter of personal choice to experience the excitement gained from these activities.

On the other hand, others believe that extreme sports should be banned because governments have a responsibility to ensure the safety of its citizens. According to government research, the accident and fatality rates among extreme sports participants is considerably higher than other activities. Consequently, these pose a real danger to participants and impose a considerable strain on a society's emergency and health services.

According to my own viewpoint, I believe that extreme or dangerous sports should not be banned but instead, need to be strictly regulated. Organizations and companies who provide such services ought to be licensed by local authorities and adhere to rigorous safety regulations. Additionally, people who partake in these activities, should be held accountable and pay for their own medical treatment in cases of personal injury.

In conclusion, some think governments should prohibit dangerous sports because they are responsible for the safety of their citizens while other believe people should be free to make their own choices. I contend that extreme activities should be carefully regulated.

284 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some think newspapers are the best method for reading the news while others think other media is better.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

When it comes to keeping updated with current affairs, there are those who prefer newspapers while others contend that alternative media are more effective. This essay will discuss both these viewpoints and state the writer's view.

Newspapers have come a long way since the days of printed material with the majority of organizations now utilizing a combination of hard copy and technology, such as websites, to deliver their services. Consequently, newspapers have the ability to constantly update news stories on their sites which contributes to their immediacy. For instance, breaking news stories and live sports events are continually updated online.

On the other hand, there are those who prefer other sources to access the news, such as TV. Since the growth of the 24-hour news channels, accessing the latest developments has never been more convenient. Channels, for example CNN, provide up-to-the-minute updates on all major stories and have the added advantages of being more visual than newspapers. These channels also employ specialist reporters who are located in all major cities worldwide.

From my own perspective, I prefer the medium of television when accessing the news, even though some TV news stations push their own political agenda. The major TV news channels have better quality reporters who specialize in their subjects like politics and crime and are able to provide more in-depth coverage. Additionally, watching rather than reading about the news has a greater dramatic impact.

In conclusion, those who prefer newspapers for reading the news do so because it can be accessed either through hard copy or online while others, including myself, like TV news better because of the quality of reporting and the powerful visual impact it can have.

280 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In some countries, the average weight of people is increasing, and their health and fitness are suffering.

What do you think are the causes of this and what measures could be taken to solve them?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Obesity, in recent years, has become prevalent in certain nations which has resulted in a decline in the levels of well-being. This essay will discuss reasons for this phenomenon along with proposing some measures that can be implemented to reverse this trend.

The major reasons for weight gain, in my estimation, are an imbalanced diet along with a sedentary lifestyle. People nowadays have a preference for convenience food because they either do not have sufficient time to prepare a healthy meal or they are probably ignorant of the negative effects these fast foods have on their health. An additional factor is the idle lifestyle many citizens live as a result of the changes in working practices. Jobs that were once done entirely by humans have become increasingly automated, especially in the industrial sector, while employees in other fields spend an inordinate amount of time in front of computer screens.

Education can be the key to stemming this unhealthy trend. Throughout the education system, children need to be taught the importance of a healthy, balanced diet in a curriculum that also values and practices physical education. Moreover, citizens could be encouraged, through government health-awareness programs, to do more physical exercise. Having their awareness raised on the ill-effects of weight gain and the numerous benefits of maintaining fitness, people can be incentivized to make positive lifestyle adjustments.

In conclusion, an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise have resulted in obesity amongst people. Governments, therefore, should take responsibility for educating their citizens to be more responsible for their weight levels and physical fitness.

260 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

These days many young people are spending less time doing outdoor activities and enjoying nature.

What are the reasons for this?

How can we encourage them to do more of these activities?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Outdoor recreations as well as enjoyment of nature have become less appealing among youngsters. This stems from several underlying factors; nevertheless, there are ways to stimulate the interest of youth in them.

Development in technology is the main culprit behind this reluctance to participate in pursuits outside their homes. Through electronic gadgets such as smartphones and computers, users can now enjoy virtual tours, for instance, 360-degree videos online, to explore natural environments. Additionally, many more engaging online games, whose competitive nature keeps players glued to their screens for extended periods, are readily accessible, reducing their interest in more active pursuits. Shifts in social dynamics also reduce their involvement in open-air activities. Instead of meeting with friends at a park, social media apps, such as Instagram and Facebook, can be used to chat, resulting in almost no physical person-to-person interaction.

However, such sedentary lifestyles among the young can be minimized through governments' intervention. Firstly, local councils should provide secure outdoor spaces that young people can enjoy and explore, such as parks featuring playground equipment, sports fields, and open green areas where young people can engage in various activities, socialize with friends, and enjoy nature. In addition, states can make use of schools to promote active lifestyles. Through incorporating outdoor education programs such as field trips or environmental studies, educators can inspire a lifelong love for nature.

In conclusion, the lack of interest in outdoor leisure and the environment is attributed to technological advancement. Nonetheless, this can be counteracted through government's efforts eliciting enthusiasm among the young generation for these pursuits.

259 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In many countries students' concentration in the classroom has decreased.

What are the reasons for this?

What are some possible solutions?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Research has indicated that the attention span of school children has declined recently in numerous nations. This essay will expand on the causes of this trend and propose some ways to address it.

The primary cause of low concentration levels amongst school children, according to research, is screen dependency. Children today receive instant gratification through a quick scroll on social media or viewing reels and videos from online sources. These videos are short, attention grabbing and provide an entertaining and incredibly addictive distraction. As a result, young minds can be conditioned into accepting that content longer than a few minutes is not engaging. Other factors can include mental health problems that some students experience. For instance, high levels of anxiety caused by parental pressure for academic achievement or social circumstances, can affect academic performance.

In contemporary society, educators are trained to recognize mental health issues amongst their pupils and how to support sufferers for example, referring pupils to school counselors. Regarding screen dependency, many countries have banned the use of mobile devices on school premises however, the effectiveness of this is still largely unknown. Rather than an outright ban, education authorities should reassess teaching practice and curriculum in response to the widespread use of digital devices. A blended learning approach that utilizes digital and online resources, while retaining traditional in-person teaching, should be used. This approach would be effective largely because it considers students' preferences.

In conclusion, the causes for low attention span are students' dependency on online content and mental health issues. These can be solved by adapting the school curriculums and supporting pupils who struggle with issues such as stress.

272 words

Problems and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

People are not exercising regularly, even though they know it is beneficial for their health.

Why is this a problem?

What can be done to tackle it?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Despite the physical and psychological benefits that exercise can bring, citizens are not doing physical activities on a regular basis. The essay with detail the issues of this type of practice along with measures that can be taken to encourage a more active and healthier lifestyle.

There are a multitude of problems that can arise when someone does not do regular exercise. First of all, a sedentary lifestyle has been shown to increase the likelihood of heart problems, particularly for the elderly. The heart is a muscle and needs to be exercised through aerobic activities such as brisk walking, running or swimming. Failure to do so will result in an impaired circulatory system. In addition, unhealthy mental emotions such as feeling lethargic or depressed can, to some extent, be overcome with exercise even if it is only for a few minutes a day.

Education and funding are the keys to having a more active population. In my country physical education at school is usually neglected in the curriculum and underfunded. If more resources and value were given to this subject, school children would grow up with the awareness of the positive benefits of exercise. Similarly, the government and local authorities should fund and promote initiatives that encourage more people to exercise such as venues for senior citizens where they can socialize and do physical activities.

In conclusion, the inactive lifestyle that many people live today results in physical and mental health issues. Educating citizens, starting at school, about the benefits of exercise along with providing the funds to provide facilities are a few of the possible solutions.

267 words

Causes and Effects

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

An increasing number of professional, such as teachers and doctors, are leaving their own poorer countries to work in developed countries.

What are the reasons for this trend? What effect does it have on the countries professionals are leaving?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Nowadays, professionals from developing countries have a tendency to emigrate to richer countries to find employment. This essay will discuss both the causes of this phenomenon and the issues that affect the nations they are leaving.

The primary reasons skilled employees from emerging nations seek work in more developed countries are a higher standard of living along with professional development. For instance, the average monthly salary for a white-collar worker, such as a teacher, in a developing country pales in comparison to their counterparts in so-called first world nations even though they perform identical duties and responsibilities. Additionally, outdated facilities and equipment in poor states hamper the ability of professionals such as doctors to practice contemporary medicine and improve their skills.

The effect this trend has on developing countries is invariably negative, particularly with regards to the nation's social and economic development. According to Scientific American magazine, every year, more than 4,000 foreign graduates of international medical schools come to the United States for a residency program and very few return home to take up employment in their native countries. This brain drain denies countries the talents of their brightest and best and limits a country's ability to progress as they are continuously faced with the challenge of retaining the most able professionals.

In conclusion, a comfortable material lifestyle coupled with the opportunity to advance one's career are the main reasons why professionals migrate to richer countries. The countries they leave behind struggle to find suitably qualified replacements and thus suffer from social and economic stagnation.

256 words

Multiple Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The internet is a valuable source of information and has given people the opportunity to gain knowledge.

Is all information on the internet reliable?

What can be done to control information online?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Since its inception, the internet has grown to become a source of important information for many. This essay will discuss whether online information is largely accurate and measures that can be taken to ensure untrustworthy content can be controlled.

These days, almost anyone can open a website and upload any content they choose without formal regulations. Therefore, the result has been the creation of sites that contain information that has not been verified and quite often promote personal social and political agendas. For instance, the development of a vaccine for Covid-19 has witnessed a surge in sites that attempt to discredit the vaccines with no scientific data or research to justify their beliefs. Consequently, the attempts to control and cure this deadly virus have been hampered by the spread of disinformation.

Several countries have existing laws which prohibit sites that incite hatred or prejudice against sections of society, but these laws should be extended to prevent the spread of false information online. For example, governments should legally require that all sites have their facts independently verified by an impartial body and those who do not fulfil this requirement can have their site banned. Fines or imprisonment could be imposed on the perpetrators to deter others from committing the same offense. Alternatively, content warnings could be displayed on sites to inform the public that the information has not been verified and cannot be trusted.

In conclusion, because of the lack of control of what can be published online, many sites contain misinformation. It is governments' responsibility to ensure the public is protected from such malpractice and adopt appropriate measures to prevent it.

273 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The development of technology has resulted in more employees working from home.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

The advances in technology have provided a lot of workers with the option of doing their jobs remotely rather than in a traditional workplace. This essay will discuss the reasons why this trend has equal positive and negative effects.

The main benefit of remote working is the flexibility it affords the employee in terms of working hours. Traditionally, work hours are fixed, usually from 9 to 5, which means employees are severely restricted in the time they can devote to essential non-work activities. For instance, if an employee needs to have medical treatment such as dental work, they invariably can only schedule it during work time. Consequently, it is at the discretion of the employer whether they can leave the workplace and if their salary will be deducted during this time. Working from home, however, means that workers can schedule time for non-work activities as they do not have to adhere to rigid working hours.

The major drawbacks of working from home are domestic distractions and the absence of camaraderie. Employees who have young families, for example, often get distracted by the demands of taking care of their children, and even though they employ babysitters and have family members to assist them, they cannot stop themselves from getting involved. Additionally, research amongst office workers who work remotely has identified isolation from colleagues as their greatest challenge. These workers miss the human contact and the friendly office atmosphere where they can bond with their co-workers.

To conclude, the major upside of working from one's own home is the flexible hours, whereas the downsides include feelings of isolation and the challenge of keeping focused on work because of their domestic environment.

279 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

International travel and tourism have become easier and more affordable.

Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In recent times, traveling abroad has become more accessible and cheaper. This essay will expand on the writer's opinion as to why this trend is equally positive and negative.

On the positive side, people can travel to places they only dreamed of visiting before and this is largely due to the proliferation of low-cost airlines, which have greatly reduced the cost of flying. This has provided people with the chance to experience different cultures and has greatly increased their options when it comes to choosing a holiday destination. In addition, many people can now visit distant relatives on the other side of the world. For instance, my cousins from Australia were able to spend two weeks in Ireland where they finally meet the Irish side of their family. This would not have been possible without affordable flights.

Cheaper international travel, however, has not always had a positive effect since many places in the world suffer from over tourism, which has created a considerable strain on local communities and caused environmental damage. The city of Venice, for example, is overwhelmed by the number of tourists. This has become so unmanageable that local authorities have had to impose restrictions on visitor numbers. Additionally, Yellowstone National Park in the USA has witnessed a negative impact on the environment where tourists leave behind large amounts of garbage and, because they interact with native species, these animals have had to be euthanized.

In conclusion, the boom in international travel and tourism has provided people with more options when it comes to choosing places to visit. However, the massive increase in visitor numbers has negatively impacted local communities and the environment.

275 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face-to-face. Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of people are meeting and interacting with friends and family via social media sites rather than in person. This essay will discuss the reason for this trend along with the writer's explanation as to why this is a positive phenomenon.

The main explanation for this trend, in my estimation, is the changes in our lifestyle brought about by the increased demands of the workplace. Research has shown that employees are working a lot more hours these days; however, keeping in touch with their loved ones has never been easier because of the advances in the development of technology. A case in point is my flat mate's experience. Because of her comparatively high workload, scheduling time for in-person socializing is very challenging. Rather than lose touch, however, she finds it convenient to use technology to maintain relationships.

In spite of the risks of becoming a victim of criminal practice, such as fraud, I believe that communicating online has been a positive enhancement to our daily lives primarily because of the convenience it affords busy people. Before the development of the internet and social media, the length of time between contacting others could be considerable and, in some cases, could result in losing touch permanently. It is no longer necessary to invest time and effort in letter writing, for instance, that can be a burden for those who lead a hectic life.

In conclusion, people have increasingly resorted to interacting through technology because of their busy lifestyle. As a result, this practice has revolutionized the way we socialize and, in my view, has had a positive impact on society.

270 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, fewer people are using writing tools like pens and pencils for correspondence compared to the past.

Why do you think this is happening?

Does this trend have a positive or negative impact on society?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

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Today, traditional writing implements are being used by fewer people especially when it comes to communication. This essay will detail the reasons for this phenomenon along with explaining why it is a positive development.

The main reason we are witnessing the disappearance of traditional pens and pencils is the development of technology. The invention and success of personal computers, which allowed users to correspond via email, heralded the shift towards electronic correspondence. Thus, messages became instant with the click of a mouse whereas before it could take several days for handwritten and typed letters to arrive. Furthermore, the development of mobile phones meant that people could text each other in real time and the arrival of smart phones, coupled with the rise of social media, further enhanced global and national communication.

Even though some lament the loss of handwritten correspondence, this has been a positive trend because it is a classic example of technological determinism where advances in technology have been the driving force of social change. For example, the development of motor vehicles changed society not only from the viewpoint of transportation but, in addition, had a positive impact on the world's infrastructure and economy. Likewise, the development technology has revolutionized how we communicate with anyone around the world in real time. This has resulted in an increased cultural awareness which, in turn, has broken down negative national stereotyping and increased tolerance.

In conclusion, soon people will rarely use handwritten communication because of the rapid advances in electronic technology. This trend has positively impacted not only on how society communicates but has also encouraged the growth of a global community.

271 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, people travel to other countries for holidays.

Why do they want to do this?

Is it a positive or negative trend for the countries they travel to?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

International travel for leisure has recently become popular among people. This tendency, which is generally beneficial to the countries of destination, is motivated by several factors.

Exploring experiences gained only outside their home countries is the main motivation behind this action. Firstly, overseas trips allow travelers to immerse themselves in new cultures and taste exotic cuisines. That is why many visitors are attracted to culturally rich countries like Japan, where they may participate in fascinating tea-making ceremonies, or Thailand, where they can indulge in spicy street food delights. Secondly, many countries offer natural wonders that cannot be found locally. For instance, to witness the Aurora Borealis, Asian tourists need to visit nations located near the Earth's polar regions. Indeed, package tours of Iceland are extremely popular in my country during the season when this phenomenon is common.

Despite possible negative impacts such as damage to the environment, visited nations benefit from this activity. With an influx of tourists, the country and its residents alike can generate more income, as tourist spending creates more jobs and helps local businesses to thrive, stimulating economic growth. In addition, accommodating people travelling internationally results in conservation efforts, thus preserving local cultural heritage. Recognizing the importance of their cultural and historical landmarks, governments usually allocate funds to maintenance, such as repair and restoration, ensuring that heritage sites remain structurally sound and visually appealing.

In conclusion, cultural exploration and discovering nature unique to other countries are the reasons why some people prefer this holiday arrangement. Economic development and preservation of cultural assets make this a favorable change.

261 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

In many countries, people increasingly talk about money such as how much they earn or how much they pay for things in their daily conversations.

*Why is this happening?
Is this a positive or negative trend?*

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Finance has become an increasingly popular topic amongst people in several nations. This essay will detail the reasons for this trend along with an explanation as to why this is a negative development.

The primary reason why money has become a trending topic, in my opinion, is because the cost of living has increased to such a level that many people are struggling to cover the costs of everyday products and services that were previously affordable. For instance, in my country the cost of heating, that is electricity, gas and heating oil, has almost doubled in the past year while wages have remained virtually static. Consequently, households are forced to make difficult decisions on how to budget their income and make sacrifices in order to heat their homes in winter.

It is a completely negative trend that salaries and the cost of living have come to preoccupy most of the population. According to a recent survey in my country, the vast majority of citizens believe that wages have not been sufficiently adjusted in response to price rises. Consequently, many sectors of the workforce are now taking industrial action such as railway and health workers who have recently gone on strike to demand pay increases. The disruption this has caused society has been considerable and the government's response has been judged inadequate.

In conclusion, the sudden increase in prices has resulted in the topic of the cost of living being debated in society. This has been totally negative as it reflects the high levels of anxiety and real suffering that citizens in many nations are experiencing.

265 words

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