

IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 Explained

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- This task tests your ability to select and report the main features, to describe and compare data, identify significance and trends in factual information, or describe a process.

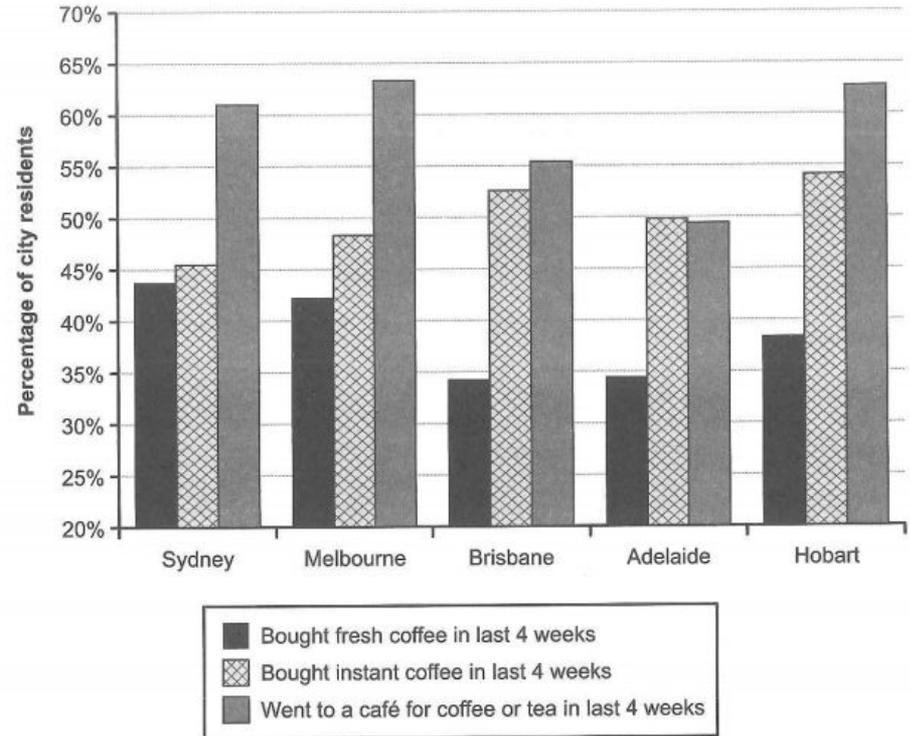
Bar Chart / Bar Graph

The chart below shows the results of a survey about people's coffee and tea buying and drinking habits in five Australian cities.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Coffee and tea buying and drinking habits in five cities in Australia



Line Graph

Academic Writing Sample Task 1B

WRITING TASK 1

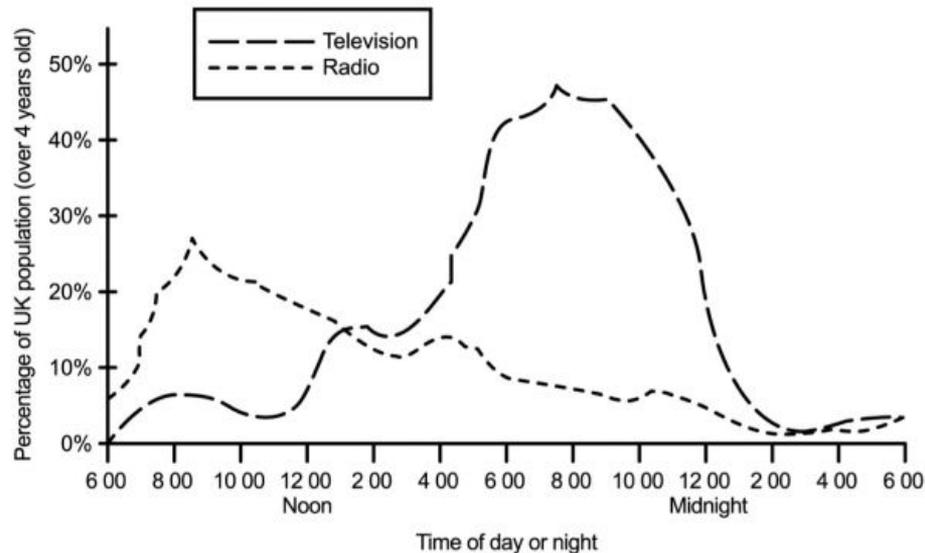
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows radio and television audiences throughout the day in 1992.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Radio and television audiences in UK, October – December 1992



Table

The table shows data about underground railway systems in six major cities with date opened, kilometres of route and passenger numbers per year in millions.

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City	Date opened	Kilometres of route	Passengers per year (in millions)
London	1863	394	775
Paris	1900	199	1191
Tokyo	1927	155	1928
Washington DC	1976	126	144
Kyoto	1981	11	45
Los Angeles	2001	28	50

Process

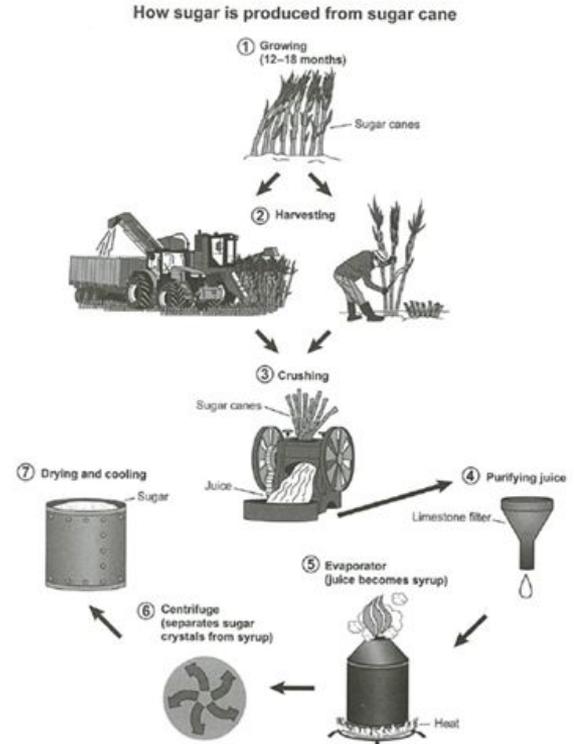
WRITING TASK 1

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The diagram below shows the manufacturing process for making sugar from sugar cane.

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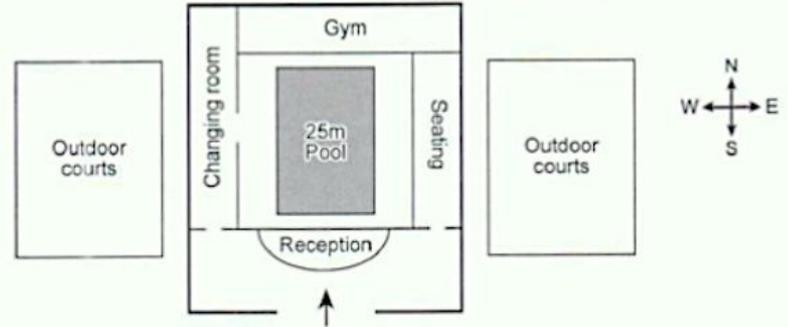
Map

The plans below show the layout of a university's sports centre now, and how it will look after redevelopment.

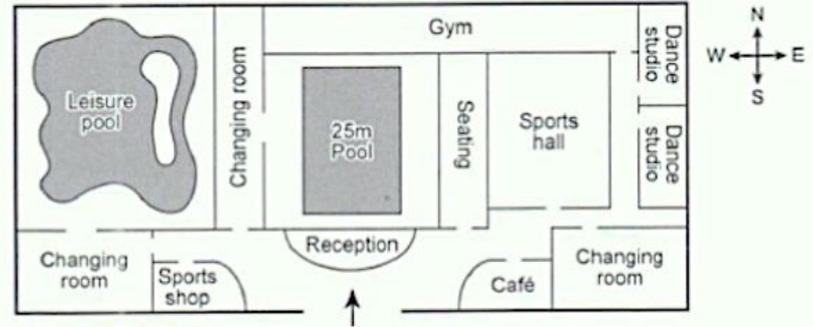
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UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE (present)



UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE (future plans)



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- **Paragraph 4** | Further three to four sentences about specific changes that have occurred.

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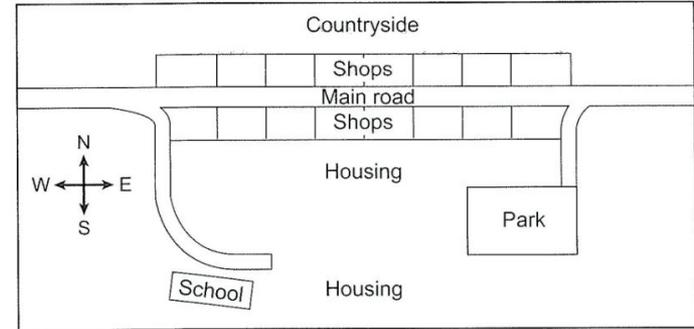
Task 1 Sample

The maps below show the centre of a small town called Islip as it is now, and plans for its development.

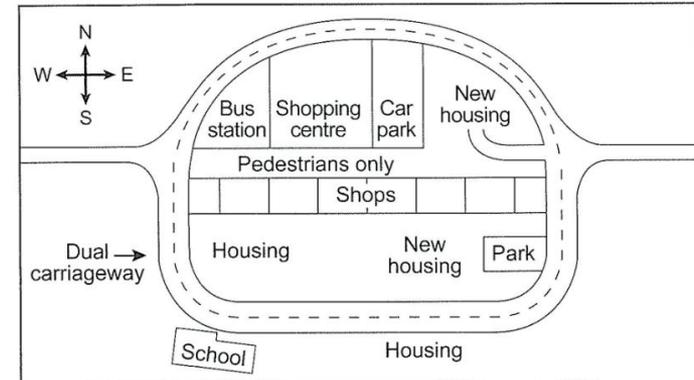
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Write at least 150 words.

Islip town centre now



Islip town centre: planned development



Task 1 Sample - 185 Words

The diagrams illustrate some **proposed** changes to the central area of the town of Islip.

It is clear that the **principal** change to the town will be the construction of a ring road **around the centre**. Various other developments with regard to shops and housing will accompany the building of this road.

Looking at the map of Islip as it is now, we can see that a main road **runs through its centre from east to west**. The second map shows the planned **pedestrianisation** of this road. Traffic will be **diverted** onto a dual carriageway that will **form a ring around the town centre**.

Currently, there is a **row of shops along either side of the main road**. **However**, it appears that the shops **along the north side** of the new pedestrian street will be **demolished** to make way for a bus station, shopping centre, car park and new housing area. The shops **along the south side of the street** will remain, but it seems that the town's park will be reduced in size so that more new houses can be **built within the ring road**.

Writing Task 1

- Grammatical range and accuracy – 25%
- Vocabulary range and accuracy – 25%
- Coherence and Cohesion – 25%
- Task Achievement – 25%

FINAL Tips

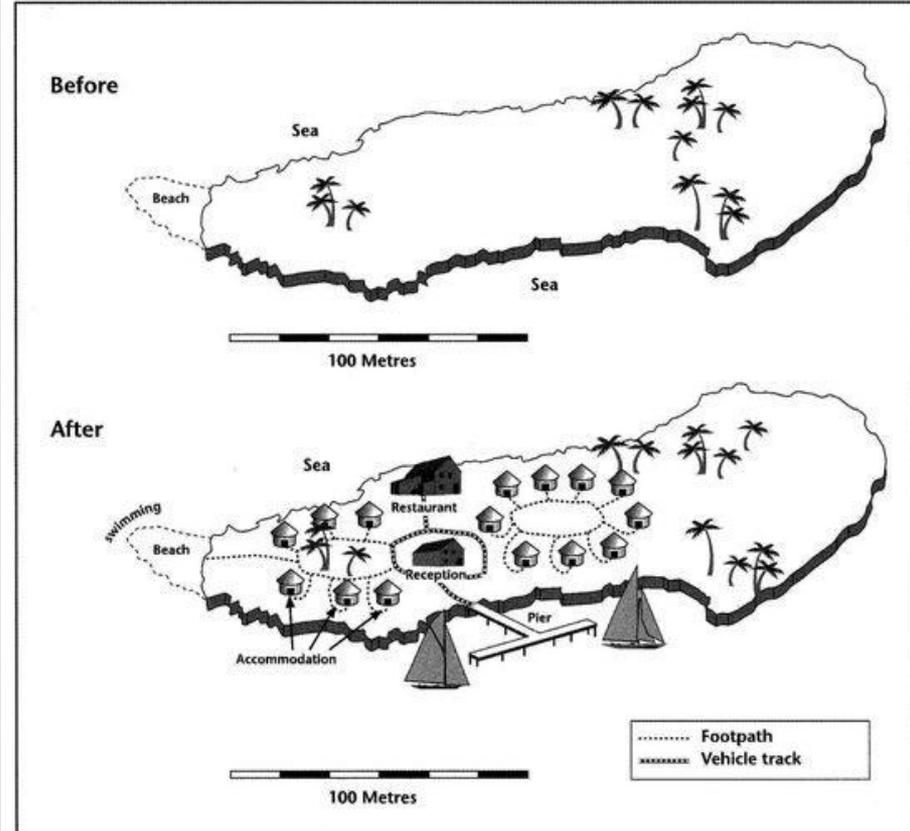
- Read the instructions carefully
- Take notes quickly before you write
- Check spelling and punctuation
- Write over 150 words

Homework

The two maps show an island, before and after the construction of some tourist facilities.

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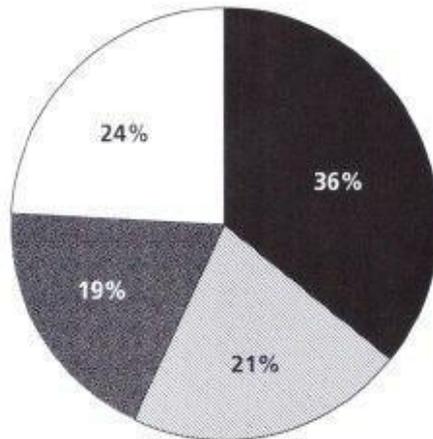
Homework Check

The pie charts below show the online shopping sales for retail sectors in New Zealand in 2003 and 2013.

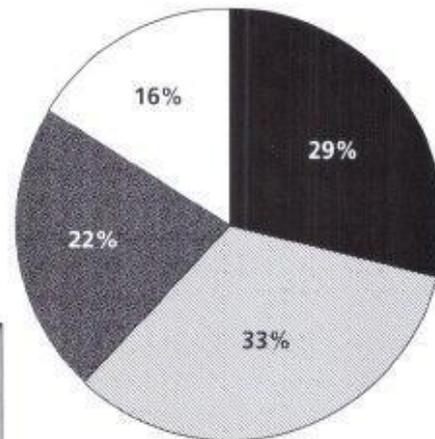
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Online sales for retail sectors in New Zealand

2003



2013



Layla (158 Words)

These charts provide us a comparison between the activity of selling goods on the internet **partly** during two **periods** in New Zealand in 2003 and 2013.

Overall, the percentage of traveling sales online reached to the highest point in 2003. **Also**, the percentage of clothes sales online reached to the lowest point in 2013.

As stated by the charts, in 2003, the percentage of movies and music sales extended to the highest point, which was 36%. **Furthermore**, the percentage of books sales on the internet reduced to the lowest point, which was 19%. **On the contrary**, in 2013, the percentage of movies and music sales on the internet increased to the highest point during this period, which was 33%. **In addition**, the percentage of clothes sales dropped to the lowest limit, which was 16%.

Both, the percentage of books sales on the internet during **the** two periods were similar in 2003 and 2013, which was from 19% to 22%.

Ana Maria (83 Words)

This graph shows the online sales in retail sector in New Zealand during 2003 and 2013.

According to the graph, traveling and film/music were the most representative sectors.

Traveling suffered a decrease between these years of 7%. On the other hand, the film and music sector increased 12% and this sector is the most important in 2013.

Books had a little increase of 3%, from 19% to 22% and clothes decreased from 24% to 16%. This sector became the least representative of all.

Sleepwalker (156 Words)

The two pie charts illustrate four retail categories and the **proportion** of their internet sales in New Zealand in 2003 and 2013.

Overall, the proportion of online sales for each sector **changed considerably**. While the figures for film, music and books increased by 2013, the statistics for travel and clothes fell by 2013.

It is **observed** that in **2003**, **the** most significant sector was travel (36%), **whereas** in 2013, the major sector was film and music (33%). The smallest sales figures were in the book category (19%) in 2003 and in 2013, in the clothes category (16%). The **proportion** of online sales of film and music grew from 21% to 33% by 2013. The percentage of internet sales of books also went up from 19% to 22% by 2013.

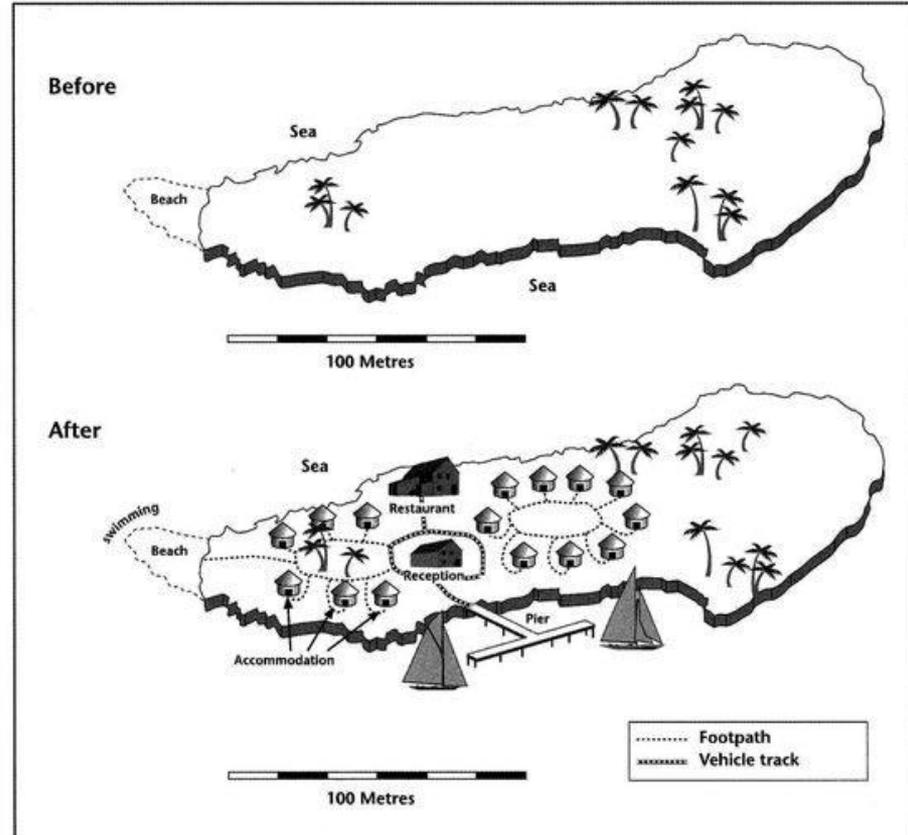
In contrast, from 2003 to 2013, the **biggest fall** was in the clothes category from 24% to 16%. The decrease in travel **amounted to** 7% by 2013.

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