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Vocabulary For Academic IELTS Writing Task 1 (part 1)

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Academic IELTS Writing Task 1 question requires you to use several vocabularies to present the data given in a pie/ bar/ line/ mixed graph or to describe a process or a flow chart. Being able to use appropriate vocabularies, presenting the main trend, comparing & contrasting data and presenting the logical flow of the graph ensure a high band score in your Academic IELTS writing task 1. This vocabulary section aims to help you learn all the vocabularies, phrases and words you need to know and use in your Academic writing task 1 to achieve a higher band score. The examiner will use four criteria to score your response: task achievement, coherence and cohesion, lexical resource, & grammatical range and accuracy. Since "Lexical Resource" will determine 25% of your score in Task 1, you have to enrich your vocabulary to hit a high band score. To demonstrate that you have a great lexical resource, you need to:

- » Use correct synonyms in your writing.
- » Use a range of vocabulary.
- » Do not repeat words and phrases from the exam question unless there is no alternative.
- » Use some less common vocabulary.



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po not use the same word more than once/twice.

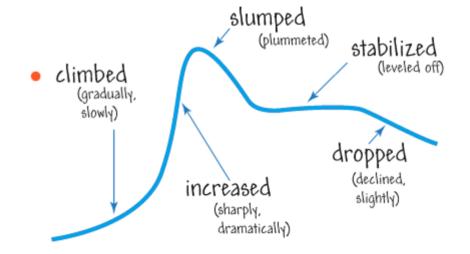
advisable that you learn synonyms and use them accurately in your writing in

mer to give the impression that you can use a good range of vocabulary.

Se precise and accurate words in a sentence.

Use Synonyms

Increase = rise / go up / uplift / rocketed / climb / upsurge / soar.



Cars = automobile, motor vehicle, vehicle.

The general format for writing academic writing task 1 is as follows:

Introduction + Basic/ General Trends + Details Description + Summary (optional).

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Each part has a specific format and therefore being equipped with the necessary vocabulary will help you answer task 1 efficiently and will save a great deal of time.

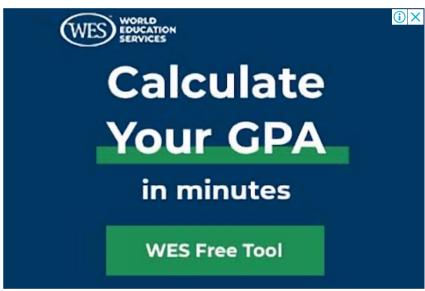
Vocabulary for the Introduction Part:

	Presentation Type	Verb	Description
given / the supplied / the presented / the shown / the provided continue continue	diagram / table / figure / illustration / graph / chart / flow chart / picture/ presentation/ pie chart / bar graph / column graph / line graph / table data/ data / information / pictorial/ process diagram/ map/ pie chart and table/ bar graph and pie chart	shows / represents / depicts / enumerates / illustrates / presents/ gives / provides / delineates/ outlines/ describes / delineates/ expresses/ denotes/ compares/ shows contrast / indicates / figures / gives data on / gives information on/ presents information	the comparison of the differences the changes the number of information on data on the proportion of information on data about comparative data the trend of the percentages of the ratio of how the

about/ shows	
data about/	
demonstrates/	
sketch out/	
summarises	

Example:

- 1. The diagram shows employment rates among adults in four European countries from 1925 to 1985.
- 2. The given pie charts represent the proportion of male and female employees in 6 broad categories, dividing into manual and non-manual occupations in Australia, between 2010 and 2015.



- 3. The chart gives information about consumer expenditures on six products in four countries namely Germany, Italy, Britain and France.
- 4. The supplied bar graph compares the number of male and female graduates in three developing countries while the table data presents the overall literacy rate in these countries.
- 5. The bar graph and the table data depict the water consumption in different sectors in five regions.
- 6. The bar graph enumerates the money spent on different research projects while the column graph demonstrates the fund sources over a decade, commencing from 1981.

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7. The line graph delineates the proportion of male and female employees in three different sectors in Australia between 2010 and 2015.

Note that, some teachers prefer the "The line graph demonstrates..." instead of "The given line graph demonstrates...". However, if you write "The given/provided/presented...." it would be correct as well.

Tips:

- 1. For a single graph use 's' after the verb, like gives data on, shows/ presents etc. However, if there are multiple graphs, DO NOT use 's' after the verb.
- 2. If there are multiple graphs and each one presents a different type of data, you can write which graph presents what type of data and use 'while' to show a connection. For example 'The given bar graph shows the amount spent on fast food items in 2009 in the UK while the pie chart presents a comparison of people's ages who spent more on fast food.

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3. Your introduction should be quite impressive as it makes the first impression on the examiner. It either makes or breaks your overall score.

4. For multiple graphs and/ or table(s), you can write what they present in combination instead of saying which each graph depicts. For example, "The two pie charts and the column graph in combination depicts a picture of the crime in Australia from 2005 to 2015 and the percentages of young offenders during this period."

Caution:

Never copy word for word from the question. If you do, you would be penalised. always paraphrase the introduction in your own words.

General Statement Part:

The General statement is the first sentence (or two) you write in your reporting. It should always deal with:

What + Where + When.

Example: The diagram presents information on the percentages of teachers who have expressed their views about the different problems they face when dealing with children in three Australian schools from 2001 to 2005.

What = the percentages of teachers...

Where = three Australian schools...

When = from 2001 to 2005...

A good General statement should always have these parts.

Vocabulary for the General Trend Part:

- 1. In general...
- 2. In common...
- 3. Generally speaking...
- 4. Overall...
- 5. It is obvious...
- 6. As it is observed...
- 7. As a general trend...
- 8. As can be seen...
- 9. As an overall trend/ As overall trend...
- 10. As it is presented...

- 11. It can be clearly seen that...
- 12. At the first glance...
- 13. It is clear,
- 14. At the onset...
- 15. It is clear that...
- 16. A glance at the graph(s) reveals that...

Example:

- 1. In general, the employment opportunities increased till 1970 and then declined throughout the next decade.
- 2. As it is observed, the figures for imprisonment in the five mentioned countries show no overall pattern, rather shows the considerable fluctuations from country to country.
- 3. Generally speaking, citizens in the USA had a far better life standard than that of the remaining countries.
- 4. As can be seen, the highest number of passengers used the London Underground station at 8:00 in the morning and at 6:00 in the evening.
- 4. Generally speaking, more men were engaged in managerial positions in 1987 than that of women in New York this year.
- 5. As an overall trend, the number of crimes reported increased fairly rapidly until the mid-seventies, remained constant for five years and finally, dropped to 20 cases a week after 1982.
- 6. At a first glance, it is clear that more percentages of native university pupils violated regulations and rules than the foreign students did during this period.
- 7. At the onset, it is clear that drinking in public and drink-driving were the most common reasons for US citizens to be arrested in 2014.
- 8. Overall, the leisure hours enjoyed by males, regardless of their employment status, was much higher than that of women.

The structure of the IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 (Report Writing):

Introduction:

Introduction (*never copy word for word from the question*) + Overview/ General trend (*what the diagrams indicate at a first glance*).

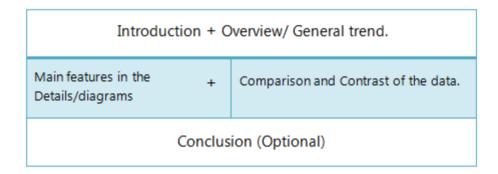
Reporting Details:

Main features in the Details

- + Comparison and Contrast of the data. (Do not give all the figures.)
- + Most striking features of the graph.

Conclusion:

Conclusion (General statement + Implications, significant comments) [The conclusion part is optional.]



Tips:

- 1. Write the introduction and General trend in the same paragraph. Some students prefer to write the 'General Trend' in a separate paragraph and many teachers suggest both to be written in a single paragraph. Unless you have a really good reason to write the general trend in the second paragraph, try to write them both in the first paragraph. However, this is just a suggestion, not a requirement.
- 2. Your 'Introduction (general statement + overall trend/ general trend) should have 75 80 words.
- 3. DO NOT give numbers, percentages or quantity in your general trend. Rather give the most striking feature of the graph that could be easily understood at a glance. Thus it is suggested to AVOID -

"A glance at the graphs reveals that 70% of the male were employed in 2001 while 40 thousand women in this year had jobs."

And use a format /comparison like the following:

"A glance at the graphs reveals that more men were employed than

their female counterparts in 2001 and almost two-third of females were jobless in the same year. "

Vocabulary to Start the Report Body:

Just after you finish writing your 'Introduction' (i.e. General Statement + General overview/ trend), you are expected to start a new paragraph to describe the main features of the diagrams. This second paragraph is called the 'Body Paragraph / Report Body". You can have a single body paragraph/ report body or up to 3, (not more than 3 in any case) depending on the number of graphs provided in the question and the type of these graphs. There are certain phrases you can use to start your body paragraph and the following is a list of such phrases ---

- 1. As it is presented in the diagram(s)/ graph(s)/ pie chart(s)/ table...
- 2. As (it is) shown in the illustration...
- 3. As can be seen in the...
- 4. As the diagrams suggest...
- 5. According to the...
- 6. Categorically speaking...
- 7. Getting back to the details...
- 8. Now, turning to the details...
- 9. The table data clearly shows that...
- 10. The diagram reveals that...
- 11. The data suggest that...
- 12. The graph gives the figure...
- 13. It is interesting to note that...
- 14. It is apparently seen that...
- 15. It is conspicuous that...

- 16. It is explicitly observed that...
- 17. It is obvious...
- 18. It is clear from the data...
- 19. It is worth noticing that...
- 20. It is crystal clear/ lucid that...
- 21. It can be clearly observed that...
- 22. It could be plainly viewed that...
- 23. It could be noticed that...
- 24. We can see that...

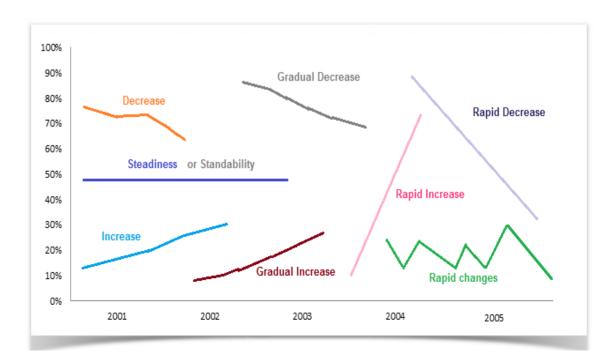
Vocabulary to show the changes:

Trends	Verb form	Noun Form
Increase	rise / increase / go up / uplift / rocket(ed) / climb / upsurge / soar/ shot up/ improve/ jump/ leap/ move upward/ skyrocket/ soar/ surge.	a rise / an increase / an upward trend / a growth / a leap / a jump / an improvement/ a climb.
Decrease	fall / decrease / decline / plummet / plunge / drop / reduce / collapse / deterioriate/ dip / dive / go down / take a nosedive / slum / slide / go into free-fall.	a fall / a decrease / a reduction / a downward trends /a downward tendency / a decline/ a drop / a slide / a collapse / a downfall.
Steadiness	unchanged / level out / remain constant / remain steady / plateau / remain the same / remain stable / remain static	a steadiness/ a plateau / a stability/ a static
Gradual increase		an upward trend / an upward tendency / a ceiling trend

Gradual decrease		a downward trend / a downward tendency / a descending trend
Standability/ Flat	level(ed) off / remain(ed) constant / remain(ed) unchanged / remain(ed) stable / prevail(ed) consistency / plateaued / reach(ed) a plateau / stay(ed) uniform /immutable / level(ed) out/ stabilise/ remain(ed) the same.	No change, a flat, a plateau.

Examples:

- 1. The overall sale of the company increased by 20% at the end of the year.
- 2. The expenditure of the office remained constant for the last 6 months but the profit rose by almost 25%.
- 3. There was a 15% drop in the ratio of student enrollment at this University.
- 4. The population of the country remained almost the same as it was 2 years ago.
- 5. The population of these two cities increase significantly in the last two decades and it is expected that it will remain stable during the next 5 years.



Tips:

- 1. Use 'improve' / 'an improvement' to describe a situation like economic condition or employment status. To denote numbers use other verbs/nouns like increase.
- 2. Do not use the same word/ phrase over and over again. In fact, you should not use a noun or verb form to describe a trend/change more than twice; once is better!
- 3. To achieve a high band score you need to use a variety of vocabulary as well as sentence formations.

Vocabulary to represent changes in graphs:

Type of Change	Adverb form	Adjective form
Rapid change	dramatically / rapidly / sharply / quickly / hurriedly / speedily / swiftly / significantly/ considerably / substantioally / noticably.	dramatic / rapid / sharp / quick / hurried / speedy / swift / significant / considerable / substantial / noticable.
Moderate change	moderately / gradually / progressively / sequentially.	moderate / gradual / progressive / sequential.
Steady change	steadily/ ceaselessly.	steady/ ceaseless.
Slight change	slightly / slowly / mildly / tediously.	slight / slow / mild / tedious.

Example:

- 1. The economic inflation of the country increased sharply by 20% in 2008.
- 2. There was a sharp drop in industrial production in the year 2009.

- 3. The demand for new houses dramatically increased in 2002.
- 4. The population of the country dramatically increased in the last decade.
- 5. The price of oil moderately increased during the last quarter but as a consequence, the price of daily necessities rapidly went up.

Vocabulary to represent frequent changes in graphs:

Type of Change	Verb form	Noun form
Rapid ups and downs	wave / fluctuate / oscillate / vacillate / palpitate	waves / fluctuations / oscillations / vacillations / palpitations

Example:

- 1. The price of the goods fluctuated during the first three months of 2017.
- 2. The graph shows the oscillations of the price from 1998 to 2002.
- 3. The passenger number in this station oscillates throughout the day and in the early morning and evening, it remains busy.
- 4. The changes in car production in Japan shows a palpitation for the second quarter of the year.
- 5. The number of students in debate clubs fluctuated in different months of the year and rapid ups and downs could be observed in the last three months of this year.

Tips:

- 1. 4. DO NOT try to present every single piece of data presented in a graph. Rather pick 5-7 most significant and important trends/ changes and show their comparisons and contrasts.
- 2. The question asks you to write a report and summarise the data presented in graphs(s). This is why you need to show the comparisons, contrasts, show the highest and lowest points and the most striking features in your answer, not every piece of data presented in the diagram(s).

Types of Changes/ Differences and Vocabulary to present them:

Great change / Huge difference:

Adjectives	Adverbs
Overwhelming	Overwhelmingly
Substantial	Substantially
Enormous	Enormously
Enormous	Enormously

Big change / Big difference:

Adjectives	Adverbs
Significant	Significantly
Considerable	Considerably

Medium change / Moderate difference:

Adjectives	Adverbs
Somewhat	Somewhat
Moderate	Moderately

Minor change / Small difference:

Adjectives	Adverbs
Fractional	Fractionally
Marginal	Marginally
Slight	Slightly

Dates, Months & Years related vocabulary and grammar:

- From 1990 to 2000, Commencing from 1980, Between 1995 and 2005, After 2012.
- » By 1995, In 1998, In February, Over the period, During the period, During 2011.
- » In the first half of the year, For the first quarter, The last quarter of the year, During the first decade.
- » In the 80s, In the 1980s, During the next 6 months, In the mid-70s, Next 10 years, Previous year, Next year, Between 1980 1990.

- » Within a time span of ten years, within five years.
- » Next month, Next quarter, Next year, Previous month, Previous year.
- » Since, Then, From.

Percentage, Portion and Numbers:

Percentages:

10% increase, 25 percent decrease, increased by 15%, dropped by 10 per cent, fall at 50%, reached to 75%, tripled, doubled, one-fourth, three-quarters, half, double fold, treble, 5 times higher, 3 timers lower, declined to about 49%, stood exactly at 43%.

Fractions:

4% = A tiny fraction.

24% = Almost a quarter.

25% Exactly a quarter.

26% = Roughly one quarter.

32% Nearly one-third, nearly a third.

49% = Around a half, just under a half.

50% Exactly a half.

51% = Just over a half.

73% = Nearly three quarters.

77% = Approximately three quarter, more than three-quarter.

79% = Well over three quarters.

Proportions:

2% = A tiny portion, a very small proportion.

4% = An insignificant minority, an insignificant proportion.

16% = A small minority, a small portion.

70% = A large proportion.

72% = A significant majority, A significant proportion.89% = A very large proportion.

89% = A very large proportion.

Words/ Phrases of Approximation - Vocabulary:

- >> Approximately
- » Nearly
- » Roughly
- » Almost
- » About
- >> Around
- » More or less
- >> Just over
- » Just under
- >> Just around
- >> Just about
- » Just below
- » A little more than
- » A little less than.

What criteria would a band 9 graph response satisfy?

Task Achievement:

- A) Fully satisfies all the requirements of the task.
- B) Clearly presents a fully developed response.

What will be assessed by the examiner?

- a) How appropriately, accurately and relevantly you fulfil your task requirements.
- b) How accurately you write your report and how appropriately you present the data (compare/ contrast/ show the most striking trends/ features/ data.)

Coherence and Cohesion:

- A) Uses cohesion in such a way that it attracts no attention.
- B) Skillfully manages "paragraphing".

What will be assessed by the examiner?

- a) No misinterpretation and presentation of data and trends.
- b) How well you organise your paragraphs.
- c) Overall clarity and fluency of your report and message.
- d) How well you have organised and liked the information, data and ideas in your writing.
- e) Logical sequencing and appropriate use of linking devices between and within your sentences.

Tips:

- 1. Do not incorporate more than 3-4 paragraphs.
- 2. Do not use a single paragraph to describe everything.
- 3. The conclusion part is optional. If you think that you have already written more than 170 words and have nothing to say, you can skip the conclusion.

Lexical Resource:

- A) Uses a wide range of vocabulary with very natural and sophisticated control of lexical features.
- B) Rare minor errors occur only as "slips".

What will be assessed by the examiner?

- a) The range of vocabulary you have used in your writing.
- b) How accurately and appropriately you have used words/ phrases while presenting the graph(s) as a report.

Tips: Do NOT use words/ phrases that are already given in the question. Do so only if there is no alternative word(s)/ phrase(s) to convey the same meaning/idea.

Band 9? What's the criteria?

- ✓ Uses a wide range of vocabulary with very natural and sophisticated control of lexical features.
- ✓ Rare minor errors occur only as 'slips'.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy:

- A) Uses a wide range of structures with full flexibility and accuracy.
- B) Rare minor errors occur only as "slips".

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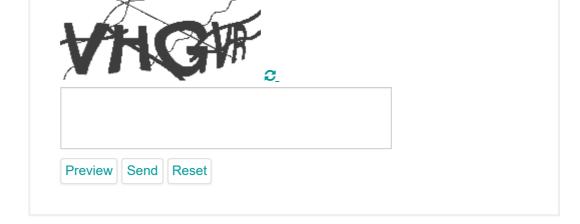
Do not use the same sentence structure and data comparison/ contrasting style

over and over again. Bring a variety in your writing to show that you can formulate different sentence structures without making any grammatical mistakes.

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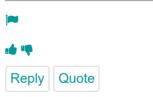
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It has helped a lot more than most others...



Aditi ② 15 days 21 hours

Thank you so much for providing such immensely useful information.



Hu He 💿 16 days 4 hours

"Almost" too much. This collection may be as complete as complete can be.

I am only doubtful about the word "standability" as a synonym for "steadiness." Is this really a word the IELTS people accept as legal tender (so to say)?

HH.



Dina @ 2 months 5 days

This is exactly what I was looking for. Thanks a million.



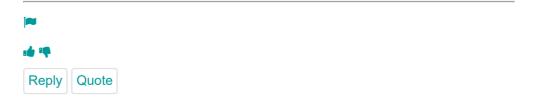
Sakaya ② 2 months 19 days

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Rafiq ② 2 months 28 days

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M. Abdullah

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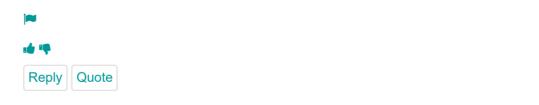
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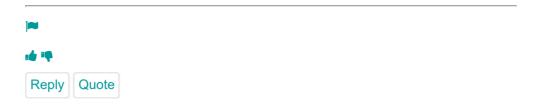
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Thanks for sharing this guide. I've really learned a lot.



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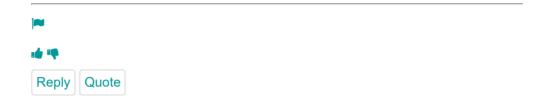
Hi Veronica, I also need a partner for practice. My WhatsApp number is +97430924463.



Shahnewaz Rahman

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Md.Shahnewaz Rahman Mollick

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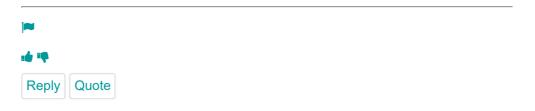
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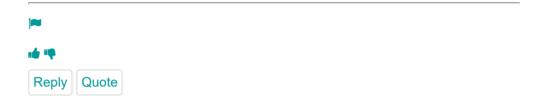
Great.



Sagar lamichhane

② 8 months 9 days

Thanks a lot from the core of my heart. You gave such a helpful presentation which of course enriched my IELTS score.



Ann ② 8 months 26 days

Thank you a lot! Due to your article, I can prepare for my English exam in Russia properly.



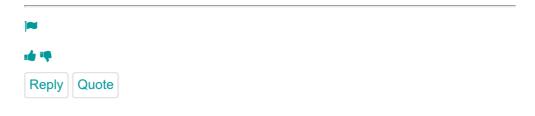
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We are so glad to be able to help. Take care.



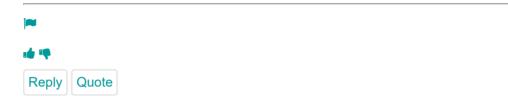
Thank you a lot!



Shashika Rangani

② 8 months 29 days

The tutorial was tremendously helpful. Thank you very much.



Harwinder Kaur

① 10 months 9 days

This is an excellent material given by you as it is important vocabulary you have provided to us to crack the IELTS exam in the first attempt. Thank you so much for providing better materials to people to achieve their desired band scores.



Harwinder Kaur

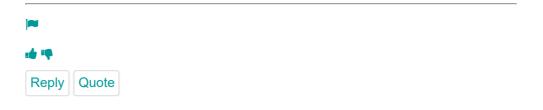
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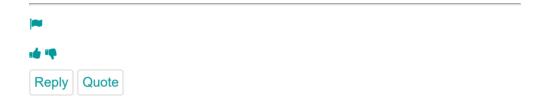
Eric ② 10 months 15 days

Thanks for the materials you have provided. These are very helpful.



Ke Fang 💿 1 year

Thank you very much for the materials you have offered. It's fantastic and conperhensive and I'v benefited a lot from all these.



Adil 💿 1 year

Absolutely useful! Great job compiling such a comprehensive list of vocabulary. Thank you!



Anuradha Kanchani 💿 1 year

Thank you very much. Very useful content.



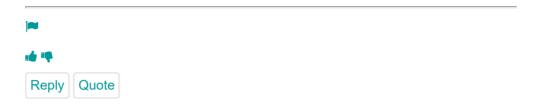
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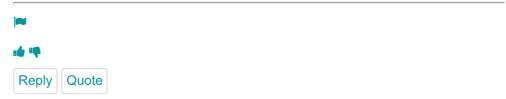
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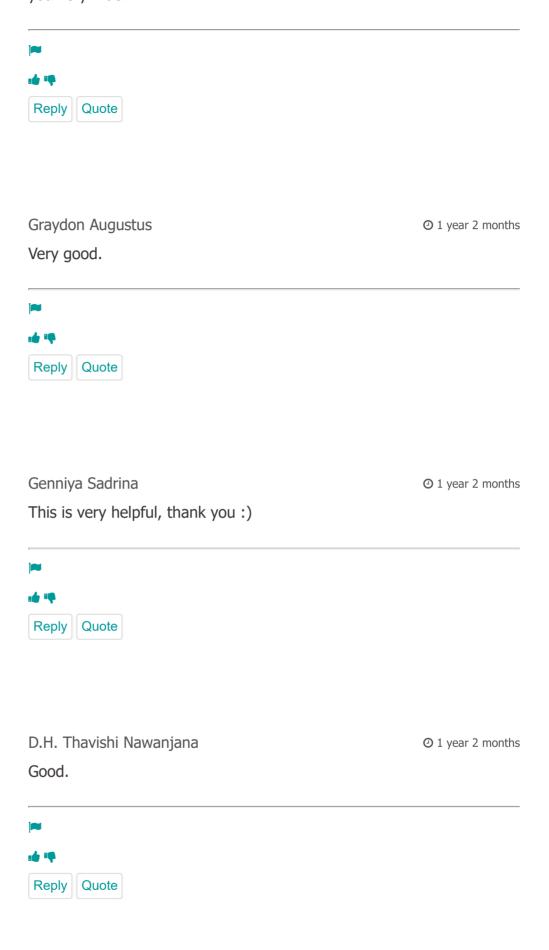
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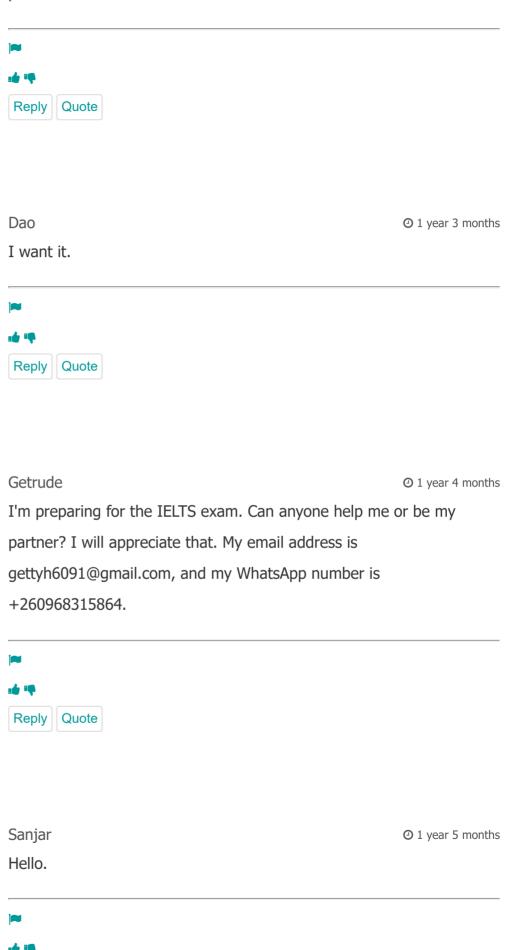
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It is really good material and wonderful, mentor. I would like to thank you very much.



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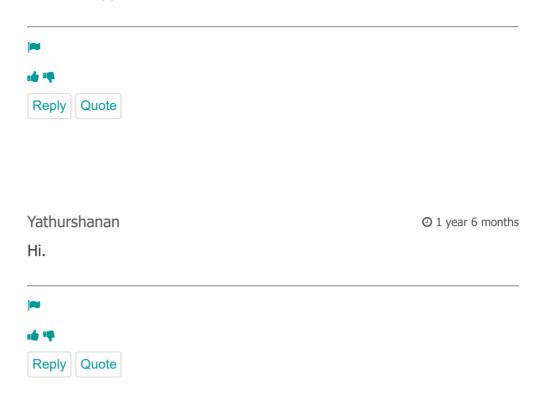


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Excellent application.



Assem ② 1 year 7 months

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As IT IS presented???



Anonymous

① 1 year 8 months

I'm using this in class 10 CBSE AISEE exam, English Language and Literature writing task, Analytical Paragraph. This is very helpful.



Mina 💿 1 year 9 months

I want to improve my cohesion and cohesive writing in an essay.

