

Vocabulary For Academic IELTS Writing Task 1 (part 2)

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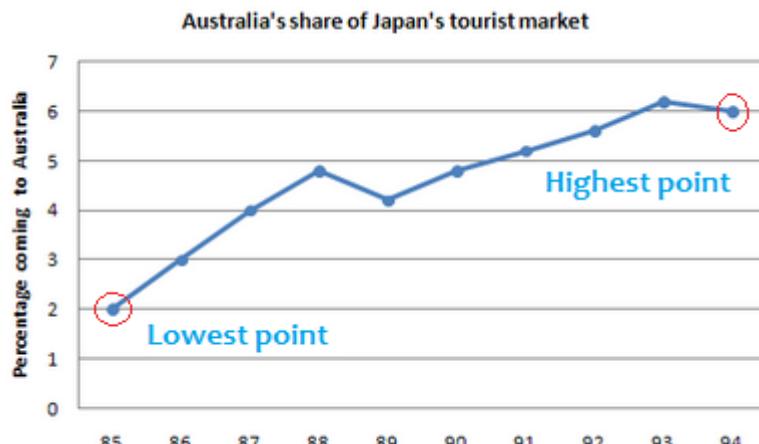
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You do not need to write down every bit of information presented in the graph. Rather, you are expected to write the most significant features of the graph and the highest and lowest points are two significant pieces of information you should not miss in your writing. Following is a list of useful vocabulary to learn by heart and to use in your graph response.

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Vocabulary to represent the highest and lowest points in graphs:

Type	Verb	Noun
Highest Point	peaked / culminated / climaxed / reach the peak / hit the peak / touch the highest point /	a (/the) peak / a (/the) pinnacle / a (/the) vertex / the highest point/ an (/the) apex / a (/the)

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lowest point	touch the lowest point / get the lowest point / reached the nadir	the lowest point / the lowest mark / bottommost point / rock bottom point/ bottommost mark / nadir/ the all-time low/ the lowest level/ the bottom/ rock-bottom
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Example:

- 1.** The price of the oil reached a peak amounting \$20 in February and again touched the lowest point amounting only \$10 in July.
- 2.** Student enrollment in foreign Universities and Colleges increased dramatically hitting a peak of over 20 thousand in 2004.

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- 3.** The highest number of books was sold in July while it was lowest in December.

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4. The oil price reached a peak in 2003 while it was lowest in 2006.
5. The selling volume of the DVD hit the peak with 2 million copies sold in a month but after just three months it reached the bottom with only 20 thousand sold in a month.

Vocabulary to show fluctuations/ups and downs/ rise and fall in Verb forms:

- » Be erratic
- » Rise and fall erratically
- » Changes sporadically
- » Rise and fall irregularly
- » Changes Intermittently

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Date, month & year related Vocabulary and Grammatical rules:

- » Between ...*(year/ month)*... and ...*(year/ month)*...
- » From ...*(year/ month/ day/date)*... to ...*(year/ month/day/date)*...
- » In ...*(year/ month)*...

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Presenting Percentages:

You can present "percentage data" in one of three different ways. It is suggested that you use all these formats in your report writing instead of repeating the same style to show percentages in your writing.

% = **In percentage / in %.** (20%, 25 percentage, ten per cent etc.)

% = **In proportion.** (two out of five, every student out of three etc.)

% = **In fraction.** (one-third, two-fifth, a quarter etc.)

Vocabulary to show how many times...

- » Exactly the same.
- » Roughly the same
- » Practically the same
- » Twice
- » Thrice
- » Four times
- » Five times

.....

- » Ten times

.....

- » Hundred times.

Vocabulary to show how much changed...

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- » Pentadrupled (*fivefold / five times*)
 - » Hexadrupled (*sixfold / six times*)
 - » Septupled (*sevenfold / seven times*)
 - » Octupled (*Eightfold/ eight times*)
 - » Nonupled (*Ninefold/ nine times*)
-

Centupled (*hundredfold/ hundred times*)

Vocabulary to represent comparison in graphs:

Type	Word(s) should be used
Similar	about / almost / nearly / roughly / approximately / around / just about / very nearly /
Just over	just above / just over / just bigger / just beyond / just across
Just short	just below / just beneath / just short / just under / just a little
Much more	well above / well above / well beyond / well across / well over
Much less	well below / well under / well short / well beneath

Example:

1. The number of high-level women executives is well below the number of male executives in this organisation, where approximately 2000 people work at executive levels.
2. About 1000 people died in the highway car accident in 2003 which is well above the statistics of all other years.

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5. The salaries of male executives in three out of four companies were well above the salaries of female executives in 1998.

Expressions to focus on an item in the graph:

Use the following expression to focus on an item in the graph.

- » With regards to
- » In the case of
- » As for
- » Turning to
- » When it comes to it/ they
- » Where ... is/are concerned,.....
- » Regarding

Compare and contrast:

Useful Vocabulary to make Comparison and Contrast:

- » Similarly, In a similar fashion, In the same way, Same as, As much as, Meanwhile.
- » However, On the contrary, on the other hand, in contrast.

Make sure you the appropriate comparative and superlative form of the words when you make a comparison. Here is a basic overview of the comparative and superlative forms to help you remember what you already know.

One-Syllable

Adjectives with one syllable form their comparatives and superlatives form. In your academic writing task 1, you will often use such comparison and contrast related words.

cheap » cheaper » cheapest || large » larger » largest || bright » brighter » brightest etc.

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- 1.** The fast-food items in uptown restaurants were comparatively cheaper than that of city restaurants.
- 2.** The largest proportion of water was used in the agriculture sector in most of the Asian countries while the European countries used the highest percentage of water for industrial purposes.
- 3.** The price of the book in store "A" is cheaper than the price of store "B".
- 4.** The temperature decreased further and that made the weather condition worse.
- 5.** The temperature was better in mid-April but in mid-July, it became worse.

Two Syllables

Some adjectives with two syllables form their comparatives and superlatives:

pretty » **prettier** » **prettiest** || **happy** » **happier** » **happiest** etc.

Examples:

- 1.** Customers were happier than now, according to the survey, as the price was cheaper in 1992.
- 2.** The overall production level of this company made the authority happier as it was doubled in the last quarter of the year.

But many form their comparatives and superlatives using '**more**':

striking » **more striking** » **most striking** || **common** » **more common** » **most common** || **clever** » **more clever/cleverer** » **most clever/cleverest** etc.

Three or more Syllables

All adjectives with three or more syllables form their comparatives and superlatives using '**more**' & '**most**':

attractive » **more attractive** » **most attractive** || **profitable** » **more**

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2. The factory offered more attractive overtime rates and that motivated more employees to work for extra time.

Vocabulary to present Linkers:

1. However...
2. On the other hand...
3. Similarly...
4. On the contrary...
5. Meanwhile...
6. In contrast...
7. By comparison...

Vocabulary to show that something/a trend is similar or the same:

Use the following vocabularies if both subjects are the same/ identical:

- ... Identical to/ Identical with ...
- ... Equal to with ...
- ... Exactly the same ...
- ... The same as ...
- ... Precisely the same ...
- ... Absolutely the same ...
- ... just the same as ...

Use the following vocabularies if both subjects are not identical but similar:

- ... Almost the same as ...
- ... Nearly the same as ...
- ... Practically the same as ...
- ... Almost identical/ similar ...
- ... About the same as ...

Way to show that something/a trend is just the reverse/opposite:

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'In'

»» Use preposition '**in**' when you talk about years, months, decades, centuries, seasons.

Example:

Years= in 1998, in 2015 etc.

Months= in January, in December etc.

Decades= in the nineties, in the seventies etc.

Centuries= in the 19th century, in the 14th century, in the 1980s etc.

Seasons= in summer, in winter, in autumn etc.

»» Use preposition '**in**' to talk about past or future.

Example:

Past time= in 1980, in the past, in 1235, in the ice age, in the seventies, in the last century etc.

Future time = in 2030, in the future, in the next century etc.

»» Use preposition '**in**' when you talk about a long period.

Example:

in the ice age, in the industrial age, in the iron age etc.

'On'

»» Use preposition '**on**' when you talk about days (days of the weeks or special days).

Example:

Days of the week= on Sunday, on Friday, on Tuesday.

Special days= on New Year's Day, on your birthday, on Independence Day, on holiday, on wedding day etc.

»» Use preposition '**on**' when you talk about dates.

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Example:

on Friday morning, on Saturday afternoon, on Sunday evening, on Monday evening etc.

However, notice the below list that shows further use of prepositions 'in' and 'on' for periods of the days versus periods. This is often confusing and mistakenly used by IELTS candidates. Look at those, notice the use and memorise it.

in	on
in the morning	on Sunday morning
in the afternoon	on Monday afternoon
in the evening	on Tuesday evening

'At'

»» Use preposition '**at**' when you need to express an exact time.

Example:

At eight o'clock, at 10: 45 am, at two p.m, at nine o'clock.

»» Use preposition '**at**' when you talk about meal times

Example:

At breakfast time, at lunchtime, at dinner time etc.

»» Use preposition '**at**' when you talk about weekends, holiday periods, or the nighttime.

Example:

At the weekend, at Christmas, at Easter, at night etc.

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Words to make a comparison /contrast:

A bit/ slightly/ a little/ only just/ approximately/ about/ almost/ precisely/ quite/ nearly/ considerably/ a huge/ a great deal/ quite a lot/ completely/ exactly...

Example:

- » This year the population growth of the country is slightly higher than the previous year.
- » This year the population grown is almost twice than that of 2007.
- » Sale of the company has increased quite a lot this year.

Using Appropriate Prepositions:

You must use the correct preposition in IELTS writing task 1 to get a high score. Be accurate about the uses of **to, by, of, off, in, on, for** etc.

Examples:

- » Papers are sold **by** the ream.
- » Oranges are purchased and sold **by** the dozen.
- » Students enrollment in the University has increased **by** 2% this year.
- » Eggs are counted **in** dozens.
- » Rice is measured **in** kg.
- » He is junior to me **by** 4 years.
- » The employees are paid **per** week **in** this factory.
- » All these products are made of glasses.

Vocabulary - Using the appropriate "Prepositions":

- » It started **at**..., The sale started **at** \$20..., It peaked **at**...
- » It reached **at/to**..., It reached the lowest point /nadir **at**...
- » It increased **to** 80 **from** 58. It decreased **from** 10 **to** 3.
- » There was a drop **of** six units. It dropped **by** 3 units.
- » It declined **by** 15%. There was a 10% drop **in** the next three years.



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Informal expressions should be avoided. Some of the informal words are so frequently used that it would be tough for you to eliminate them from your writing. However, we would suggest you make a habit of using formal words and expressions instead- for your performance and band score's sake.

Informal	Formal
Go up	Increase
Go down	Decrease
Look at	Examine
Find about	Discover
Point out	Indicate
Need to	Required
Get	Obtain
Think about	Consider
Seem	Appear
Show	demonstrate/ illustrate
Start	Commence
Keep	Retain
But	However
So	Therefore/ Thus
Also	In addition/ Additionally
In the meantime	In the interim
In the end	Finally
Anyway	Notwithstanding
Lots of/ a lot of	Much, many
Kids	Children
Cheap	Inexpensive
Right	Correct
I think	In my opinion

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Very useful, many thanks.



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Indeed very helpful and exhaustive contents of writing Task 1 for
IELTS Exam takers. If anyone goes through these materials and learn
everything correctly, he/she is sure to score 8-9 band score in the
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Thanks to those who have taken enough pain and given their time and
labour for developing this web page. I salute them all.



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Thank you Rebaz for your comment. We will keep your suggestion in
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Rebaz

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Great job. Could you please provide some notes on preposition usages
in task 1?



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