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导 读

《雅思写作》（基础版）是“新航道学校雅思系列丛书”之一，是专为广大雅思学员编写的基础写作教材。

英文写作向来是中国学生较为头疼的部分，许多人反映背过多篇网络流传的范文，但实际收效甚微，其中除了语法和词汇上的问题，更多的学生抱怨面对作文题目毫无头绪，空有满腹例句，但不知如何排列，因而无从下笔。显然，他们面临的不仅是“写不好”，更是“不会写”。在编写本书的过程中，作者曾对大量学生进行访谈，发现其中很多人没有养成良好的写作习惯，写作流程极不科学，写作技能有所缺失。

针对学生中普遍存在的问题，本书在设计上面向雅思成绩在7分及以下的学生提供以下帮助：

1. 强化科学的写作流程：

从审题到构思、到拟提纲，直至最后检查全文，详细分解每一步过程，手把手解决学生关于作文“怎么写”、“从何开始”以及每一步要“干什么”的疑问。

2. 进行针对性技能训练：

雅思写作考试的技能导向是极为明显的，两篇作文，分别考查了不同的写作技能，例如描写数据、分析对比、提出观点、证明观点等等，因此，经详细分析官方范文、考官评语及官方评分说明，编者将雅思写作测试所考查的技能按难度分为三级，由浅入深，循序渐进，带领学生步步向前。

3. 场景话题贯穿全书：

本书以技能训练为核心，辅以大量课堂及课后练习，并通过场景和话题将全部课程串联起来，力求使学生通过对本书的学习，能做到对各类作文题目（如家庭类、环保类等）有话可说、有理可论，使学生在轻松有趣的场景中了解雅思写作考点并迈向高分。

本书既可以充当教学用书，同时也是一本很好的自学读物。全书共分为两大部分：课本与练习册。课本既包含技能讲解，也含有课堂练习，而练习册可作为课后的补充和提高。二者均以单元为单位，共计18个单元。其中1–3 单元为第一级，4–7 单元为第二级，8–18 单元为第三级。

课本各单元结构如下：

1. 课前热身。

这一部分通常是一些供学生思索讨论的小问题，或是一篇学生习作，其目的在于激活学生的背景知识，引起学生兴趣，或引入该单元教学内容。

2. 单元重点。

这一部分是单元的主体，又分为两大部分——技能知识点与课堂练习/活动。其中技能知识点是本单元学生应该掌握的部分，而课堂练习/活动正是为帮助学生快速掌握、消化课堂内容而设计。在一个单元内，技能知识点与课堂练习/活动将交替出现，使课堂节奏张弛有度，学习效率得以提高。

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本书使用的练习及课堂活动形式灵活多样，在保证效果的基础上强调了趣味性，力求调动学生的积极性、主动性，轻松从容备考雅思。除了生动有趣的课堂活动，如造句竞赛、纸牌答题等，以及对技能知识的专项练习，如遣词造句、逻辑衔接等，还有大量仿真作文题供考生演练，真正做到“知己知彼，百战不殆”。

本书突破传统的写作教学方法，从句子开始，从构思开始，逐一击破学生写作过程中的难点，提出了写作学习的全新思路。根据本书的特点和结构，我们建议采用以下方式进行学习：

★热身：请学生根据单元背景以及自身知识回答课本上的问题，为各单元主要内容做准备。有条件的学生可自发组织辩论会等活动，就某一题目各抒己见，进而做到对该类题目心中有数。

★学习技能知识点，认真阅读对该知识点的介绍。

★做练习题，加深对该知识点的印象。

★完成练习册题目，进一步巩固和提高。

古人云：“授人以鱼不如授人以渔。”通过对本书的学习，您将抛开对例句范文的死记硬背，充满自信地使用学习到的各种写作技能，按照科学的写作流程构筑您的英文作文大厦。

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Unit 1 Campus

Warm up

Discuss with your classmates:

- Do you still remember your first day on campus?
- Was there anything special that happened?
- How long did it take to find your way around?

Unit focus: describing objects

I. Describing objects

Describing is to use words to give account of something, such as an object, a graph, a process, or an event. IELTS tests your ability of description mainly in Task One of writing section. In this unit we will discuss how to describe an object. To make a successful description of an object, you can begin with its outward aspects, such as colour, shape, size, etc., and try to present its most distinctive features.

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Useful phrases and sentence patterns to describe an object:

It is ... (triangular, rectangular, square, round, etc.)
It looks like ...
It's red (black, white, etc.)
It's two meters long (wide, tall, etc.)
It's used for ...

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the pictures or objects that your teacher shows you. Do you know how to describe them?

What shape is it? What's its colour? How big is it? How small is it?
What is it used for?
...

EXERCISE 2

Translate the following sentences into English.

1) 图书馆是一栋白色的高楼。

2) 图书馆有 8 层。

3) 数学系大楼有 50 米高。

4) 数学系大楼看起来像一艘帆船。

5) 计算机中心共有 200 台计算机。

6) 学生可以在计算机中心免费上网吗？

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7）我的宿舍是单人间。

8）我宿舍房间的窗帘是紫色的。

9）这张学生卡有什么作用呢？

10）你可以用这张学生卡去图书馆借书，在计算机中心上网，还可以去健身中心健身。

EXERCISE 3

What's the object?
One of the students will be given a picture or a word, which he/she must describe to the whole class without naming it. The other students should try their best to guess what object it is.

II. Organising information

Describing in spatial order

Describing in spatial order means that you arrange the items according to their physical position or relationships. That is to say, paragraphs of spatial order follow geographical direction or move from one place to another.

Here are some of the prepositions used in descriptive writing to signal spatial relationships. Can you think of any others?

above	below	beside
nearby	beyond	inside
outside		

EXERCISE 4

Read the following paragraph about Tim and his girlfriend. Do you understand what happened? Draw out the route Tim took.

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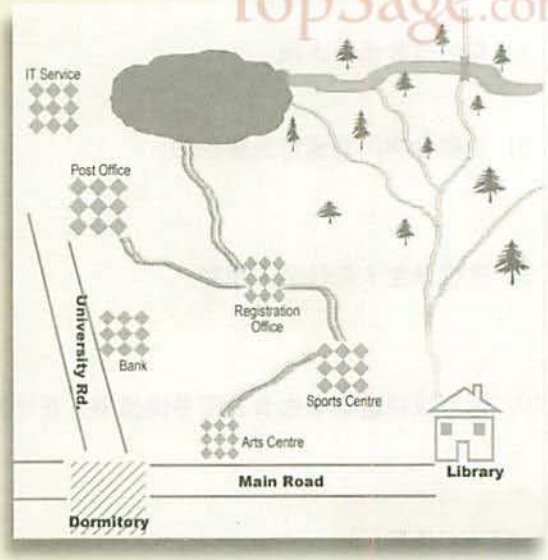

Tim is going to date his girlfriend Alice this evening. He hurries his supper and dashes out of his dormitory. Then he walks along the main road to the east and comes to the college library where he sees the notice for films tonight. Among them, there is a film called *Lord of the Rings*. Tim is very excited, because he has just finished this story online. "But my girlfriend is more important," he says to himself. So he walks on. He goes around the library and heads to the north. There is a path leading to a thick green wood. There is a river through the wood and a small beautiful bridge over the river. He is to meet Alice right there. But when he arrives, she is not there. "Is she wandering by the side of the lake?" He thinks to himself. So he decides to look for her along the path around the lake which is on the west of the wood. But he does not find her. Just then, his cell-phone rings. "Honey, this is Alice. I'm here waiting for you at the film centre of our library. Come on!"

EXERCISE 5

Can you retell the route Tim went through based on what you've drawn? Remember to use words that signal spatial order.

EXERCISE 6

Take a look at the treasure map below.

Part One:

Rearrange the sentences according to the treasure map. Why have you put them in that order?

1. It is hunting time for the tigers. No one could escape from their sharp claws.
2. There is only one way to cross the river — through the tumbledown single log bridge.
3. No one has ever survived the Desert of Death, not even a bird.
4. Once entering the black forest, men lose their way and will never get through.
5. Waiting for their snacks, the crocodiles flow like dead trunks in the river.

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6. Gold, diamond, silver coins ... Invaluable treasure is waiting for its master. Come and find it. You will be the richest man in the world!
7. The wolves are always hungry. They will tear their pray into pieces.
8. Full of poisonous gas and deadly traps, the bloody moor has killed thousands of animals and men who dared to step into it.
9. Anyone caught by the cannibal tribes will be eaten.

Part Two:

Please write down the route you will take to find the treasure.

I will go through the desert.

Part Three:

Work in groups. Come up with your group's treasure-hunting story and be prepared to share it with your classmates. You can use the sentences in Part One, but do not let them restrain your imagination.

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Unit 2

Food and Drink

Warm up

Chronological order presents ideas according to the time in which they occurred. Read the narrative story below and mark the words that signal chronological order.

The air was extremely heavy, with dense fog everywhere as Peter was walking up the hill towards the park at 5 o'clock on a Sunday morning. At that early hour there wasn't much traffic and there weren't many people in sight. Peter walked quite fast and in ten minutes' time he was close to the station which is opposite to the park gate. Just as Peter was crossing the road near the top of the hill, he saw in the mist something that made his blood run cold. At the beginning, it was only a dark shadow, but when he approached, he could clearly see a woman lying unconscious with a lot of blood on her face. Peter hurried into the station and phoned for an ambulance. A policeman arrived a few minutes later and asked a lot of questions. Shortly afterwards, the ambulance arrived at high speed and rushed the wounded woman away to the hospital.

Unit focus: describing in chronological order

Describing in chronological order or time order means that items, events, or even ideas are arranged and described in the order of time. It usually applies to narration and description of process.

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Here are some of the words used in descriptive writing to signal chronological order. Can you think of any others?

before	after	first	next
then	when	finally	while
as	during	earlier	later

EXERCISE 1

Translate the following sentences into English.

1）三天前下了一场大雨。

2）过去十年中科技取得了极大的发展。

3）在上门拜访之前应该先打电话。

4）泡咖啡的第一步是烧开水。

5）我刚到车站火车就开走了。

EXERCISE 2

Here is a passage about the order of serving dishes in western culture. Read it carefully and write a similar one on that in Chinese culture.

First should be an appetizer. Usually they are salads or soups. Next, it's time for the main course. Of course, this is the most important part of the meal. In a fancy restaurant, it usually has a big chunk of meat as the main theme, such as salmon, steak or grilled chicken. It goes with some side dishes, like Cole slaw, fries, rice or baked potato. At the end, don't forget to save some room for the dessert. Ice cream

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and apple pie are the American favorites.

The order of putting dishes on the table in Chinese culture:

EXERCISE 3

Choose the most suitable word(s) to fill in the blanks.

began	at first	then
the last thing	the next morning	at the same time
later	after	finally

Everything _____ with a good time at my friend Tim's house. I arrived at around eight for the party last night. Tim poured me Vodka _____, and continued to refresh the glass for me until, until ... I felt my brain was not working. _____ I remembered was stepping out of Tim's house and walking toward my car, a blue Nissan. _____, I might have collapsed and fallen asleep in my bed, but I'm not sure.

_____, I could still feel the pain from last night. What had happened? I did not remember. _____, I turned on the TV. Nothing interesting, only the midday news was broadcasting. There was a story about the hit-and-run death of a ten years old boy. A car hit the boy, and ran. What a shame! The hangover still made me feel miserable, but it was worth the fun of the party. _____, I was back to the local news. The announcer said the police were looking for a blue Nissan in connection with the hit-and-run killing of that boy. The accident happened about midway between Tom's house and mine.

My insides suddenly turned into ice _____ I heard this. _____, I walked outside, and checked my car. On the left side of the headlight, there was a dent—the size of a football. The shaking spread throughout my body. "What did I do last night?" I did not remember.

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EXERCISE 4

Here are the beginnings of three stories. Work in groups and choose one beginning that you like. Each member of your group gives a sentence to develop the story. Please organise your story in chronological order.

1) We set out for an island when the sun rises ...
2) Tom lands on the Mars and finds ...
3) Alice likes hamburgers ...

You can organise your writing in two or more ways. Actually, in most "real situation" writings, two or more kinds of orders are employed to help organise the passage more effectively. Let's see an example:

How does an oven work?

An oven is usually built underneath the stove, and it uses electricity or gas as fuel. It looks like a box; it is a three dimensional square. You can flip the door to open it. There are two grills inside the oven, one is on the top, and the other is at the bottom. So you can put the food on the grills. There is also a tray underneath the grills. So the oil drips from the meat will fall on the tray, instead of on the red hot grill.

In order to bake a big chunk of meat, first you need to preheat it, usually to 350 to 400 degrees. When the oven is hot enough, you put the food you want inside to bake. You need to fix a time as well. It depends on what you bake. Remember to check the food every 5 to 10 minutes, to make sure nothing is burned, and flip it over frequently. Finally, when the time is up, pull the food out of the oven, and serve it on the table. Hmmm ... it smells good.

What kind of order did the writer employ to organise his/her passage? What was his/her reason?

EXERCISE 5

Now it's time for you to practice. Write a passage to explain how something works, following the pattern of the example.

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began, at first, The last thing, Finally, The next morning, Then, Later, after, At the same time.

Unit 3 Health

Warm up

Discuss with your partner:

- What is your definition of health?
- Do you think you are healthy?
- Do you have any kind of pressure?
- Where does it come from?

Unit focus: effective linking words

Read the following passage and learn to use linking words.

It is now widely accepted that excessive consumption of refined sugar is harmful to our health. To begin with, refined sugar lacks nutrients, and is, therefore, not really a food. Moreover, Excess sugar consumption is one of the major causes for fatigue. However, balancing the blood sugar is an important part of regaining energy and health. Furthermore, although sugar initially gives us more energy, excessive sugar consumption can not only suppress the immune system but also upset the body's mineral balance. In addition, of course, refined sugar is a major contributor to tooth decay.

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EXERCISE 1

Which of the following sentences are wrong? Find out and correct them.

1) He tried not to make any noise, and his limbs were weak.

2) He slipped in the room but fell on his back.

3) I know it is not easy to master English well, and I will try my best.

4) Jack is tall, so his brother is short.

5) Although our teacher is very tired, but she doesn't stop working.

6) I major in English, but he majors in French.

7) Computers are helpful to children's study and they have a negative effect on their physical and mental development.

8) Some people use distance-learning programs to study at home and some people think that it can not bring the benefit as much as attending college or university.

9) Parents and teachers make many rules for children to encourage good behavior and to protect them from danger. But, children would benefit from fewer rules and greater freedom.

10) Computers are widely used in education and teachers still play an important role in the classroom.

EXERCISE 2

Work in groups. Every group will be given a card or several cards with sentences. The teacher will read the first half of a compound sentence, and then you must decide which sentence on your card is the best choice that completes the compound sentence.

EXERCISE 3

Combine the two sentences in a group using the linking words given in the brackets.

1) She was athletic. She did well at school. (not only, but also)

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2) We went swimming. The weather was great. (so)

3) Mary sold her car. Tom bought it. (and)

4) It was a human mistake. It was a computer error. (either, or)

5) Our plans were cancelled. We stayed home and watched movies. (so)

6) They went skydiving. They went bunjee jumping. (not only, but also)

7) The clouds cleared. It was still cold. (but)

8) Should we stay here? Shall they meet us there? (or)

9) Mary will go shopping. I want to go with her. (and)

10) The exhibit was fascinating. Some didn't like it. (yet)

EXERCISE 4

Translate the following sentences into English.

1) 很多孩子吃得太多并且还不经常锻炼。

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2）虽然他很累，但是他没有停止工作。

3）学校不仅应当提供理论知识，还应给学生提供在社会生活中有用的实际训练。

4）他们明白时间很宝贵，但还是花很多时间玩游戏。

5）做兼职可以挣到一些钱，所以很多孩子愿意打工。

6）小孩子吸烟既看起来没有教养，也不利于身体健康。

7）留学的花费很大，但他还是决定高中毕业后就出国留学。

8）老年人经验丰富，而年轻人精力充沛、善于学习。

9）很多人估计电脑在不久的将来会取代人的地位，这在我看来是不现实的。

10）因为科技的发达，人们过上了轻松的生活。

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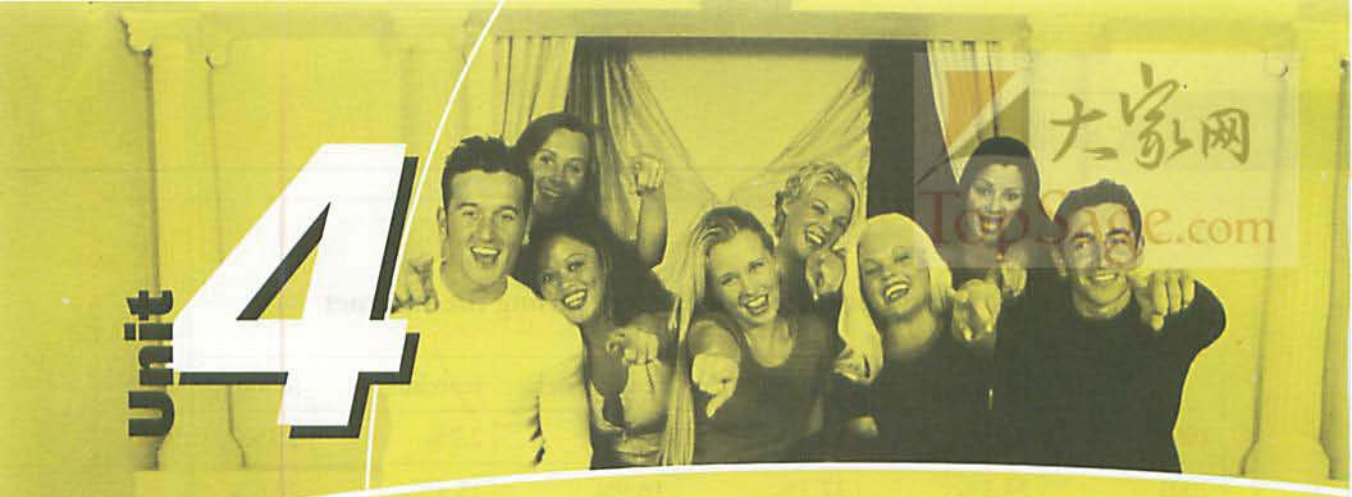

Unit 4 Social Communication

Warm up

Here are some diagrams about the Internet. Discuss with your partner and find answers to the following questions:

- What do you usually do when you surf the Internet?
- Which is your favourite forum?
- What kind of IM software do you often use?

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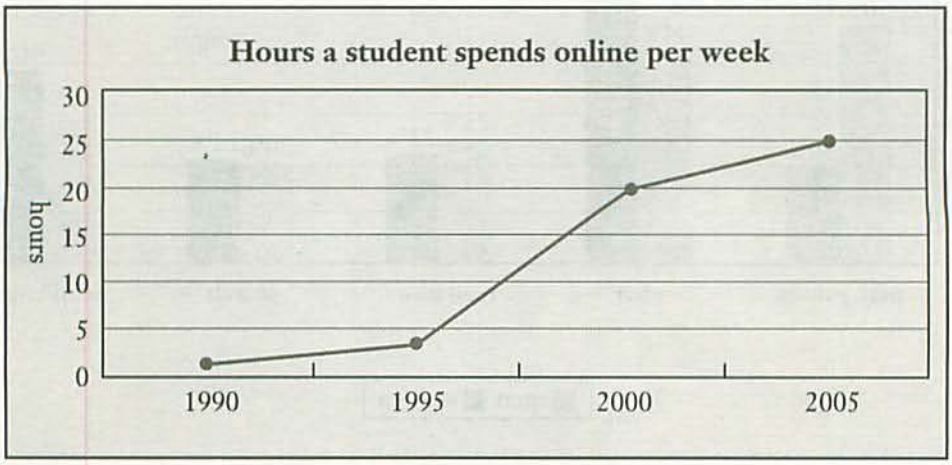

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Chart B

Different purposes of teenagers surfing the Internet

	playing games	chatting	reading news	searching	sending emails
1999	3.9%	1.6%	1.4%	2.7%	1.3%
2001	24.3%	37.3%	16.9%	13.5%	20.6%
2003	36.7%	44.5%	26.8%	24.9%	25.3%

Chart C

The places where teenagers get online

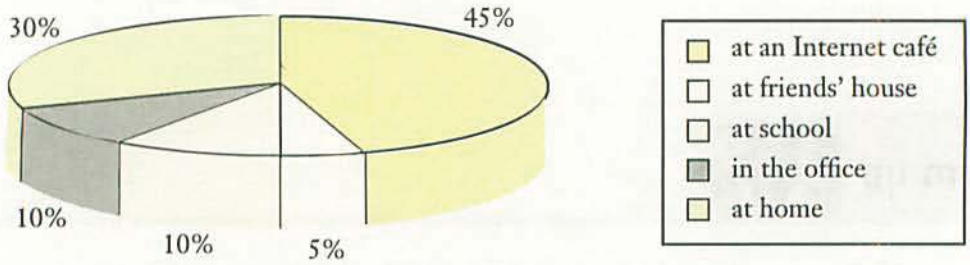
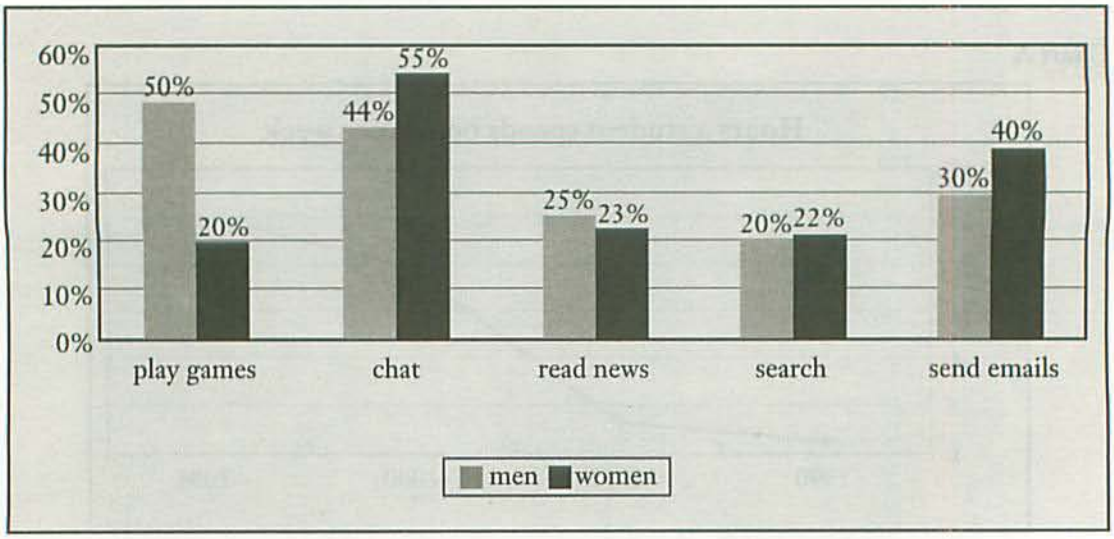


Chart D

Different purposes of male and female surfing the Internet



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Unit focus: chart description

I. Reading the chart

When reading a chart or a graph, you should be very careful with the title, the axes, and any other words in the chart or the graph. In the IELTS exam, if you misunderstand the chart, and give an incomplete or inaccurate statement, you will lose marks.

EXERCISE 1

Work in pairs. Look at Chart A and discuss with your partner to see if you have the same understanding of it. Here are some questions to help you.

Is the line graph about students or time?
What do the numbers along the horizontal axis (X-axis) represent?
What do the numbers on the vertical axis (Y-axis) represent?

EXERCISE 2

Read the following titles of Task 1 in IELTS tests and find out their key words or phrases.

1) Different purposes of male and female when surfing the Internet.

2) Personal savings as a percentage of personal income for selected countries in 1970, 1990 and 2000.

3) Places where teenagers get online.

4) Changes in world population by region between 1900 and 2000.

5) The percentage of smokers and the consumption of cigarettes in selected countries, for the period 1960-2000.

II. Describing the chart – facts and figures

There are different ways we can talk about numbers. Take a look at the bar chart below. It

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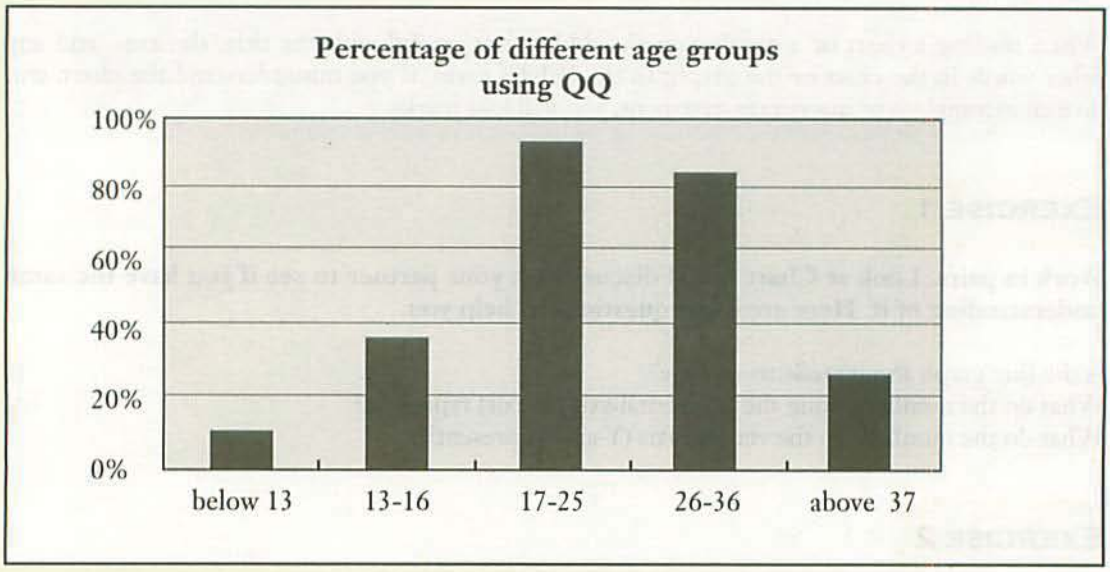
shows the percentage of different age groups using QQ. We can describe the graph by giving a percentage, a number, or a general statement.

We could say that *95% of people from 17 to 25 use QQ*, or we could say that *the majority of people from 17 to 25 use QQ*. Other phrases we might use include *a large number of, a small number of, most, few*, etc. Can you think of any others?



i. Giving a percentage

1) 6% of the young people get online in their offices.
2) The people who get online in their offices make up 6% of the total.
3) The percentage of the people who get online in their offices is 6 percent (6%).

A	makes up	X%	of the total.
	forms		
	accounts for		

ii. Giving a number

1) 14 (out) of the 225 young people get online in their offices.
2) There are 14 young people who get online in their offices.

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iii. Giving a general statement

1) Only a few young people get online in their offices.
2) The majority of people get online at home.

To describe the facts and figures in tables and graphs, you need to practice words that specify the quantity of a noun, such as the majority of people or most people. Here is a list of words you can use, from the highest amount to the lowest.

all	almost all	the vast majority	the majority	many	most
a lot	quite a lot	some	quite a few	a few	only a few
a little	only a little	only a minority	a minority	almost no	no (none)

EXERCISE 3

Discuss with your group members and answer the questions using words or phrases in the box above.

1) How many students in your group own a computer?

2) How many students in your group use the Internet to communicate with their friends?

3) How many students in your group use MSN?

4) How many students in your group use QQ?

5) How many students in your group use both MSN and QQ?

6) How many students in your group have e-pals?

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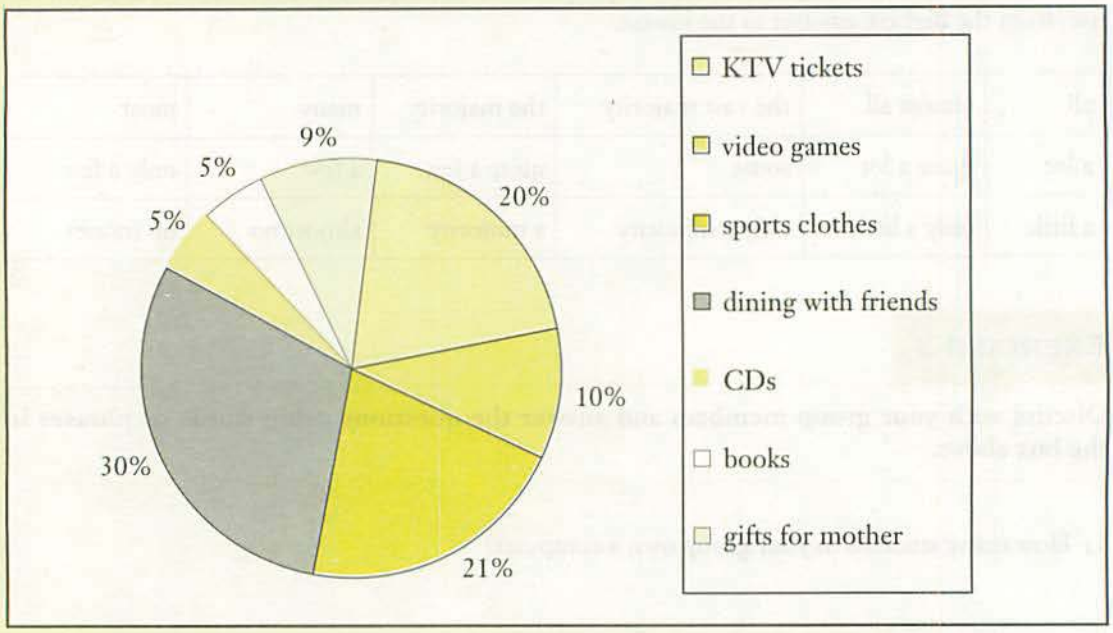
EXERCISE 4

Take a look at the pie chart below. It shows how a student named Mark spent $200 for his birthday. First, correct the sentences which are provided, and then add three sentences of your own using the structures you have just learned.



1) Mark spent hardly any money on a video game.

2) He spent the majority of his money on sports clothes.

3) Mark spent 10 dollars on books and 15 dollars on gifts for his mother.

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

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EXERCISE 5

Work in groups. Look at chart D and try to describe the figures in as many ways as you can.

III. Accuracy of your statement

When describing a chart, it is important to make sure that the information chosen is accurate. If you make statements that are not factually correct, you may lose marks.

EXERCISE 6

Work in groups. Look at chart B and C carefully, and decide whether the following statements are true or false, then correct the false ones.

1) Most teenagers get online at home.
2) A large number of teenagers get online at their friends' houses.
3) 45% of teenagers choose to surf the Internet at an Internet café .
4) There are as many teenagers who surf the Internet at school as at home.
5) In 2003, 36.7% of the teenagers got online to play games.
6) More teenagers got online to send e-mails than to play games in 2001.
7) In 1999, only 1.6% of teenagers got online to chat with others.
8) Most teenagers got online to chat and read news in 2003.

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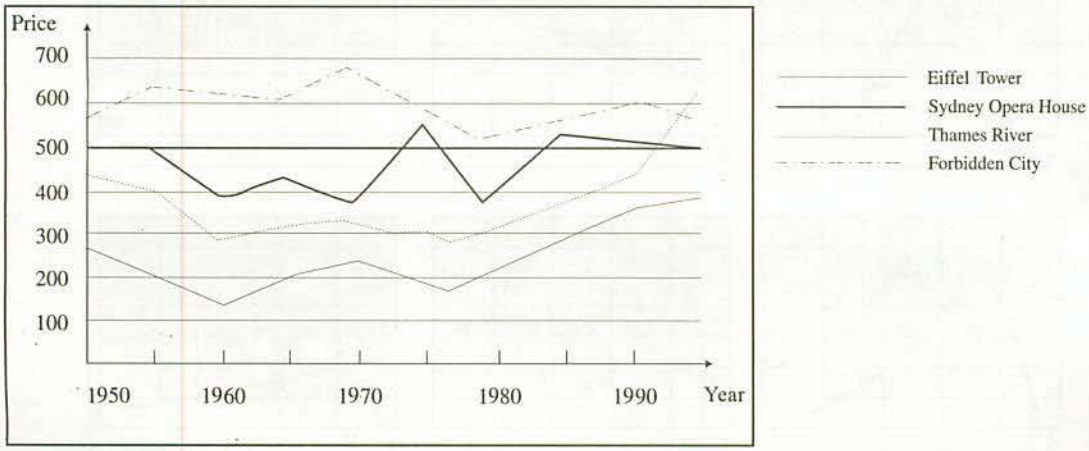
Unit 5 Tourist Attraction

Warm up

Read the following graph about the prices of some famous sights in the world and discuss with your partner:

- Which one are you most interested in?
- How did the prices change during this period?
- Which one would you like to visit most?



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Unit focus: trend description

I. Describing a chart – trends

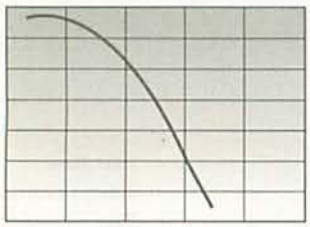
Line graphs are used to show a trend or a pattern which usually takes place over a period of time. It is important to look at the overall pattern on a line graph as well as the significant features within it.

Here are some words and phrases to help you describe trends:

nouns	adjectives and adverbs	verbs
a rise	sharp(ly) / dramatic (ally)	increase/grow
an increase	considerable(ly)	remain the same
a fall	steady(ily)	stay/remain stable
a drop	slight(ly)	reach a peak
a decline	gradual(ly)	decline / fall
a peak fluctuation /dip	relative(ly)	hit fluctuate / fall to the lowest point

EXERCISE 1

Using the words and phrases in the table above, describe the patterns in the graphs below.



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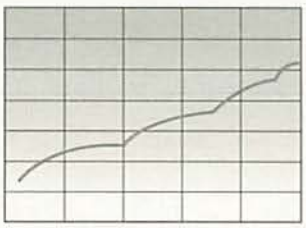

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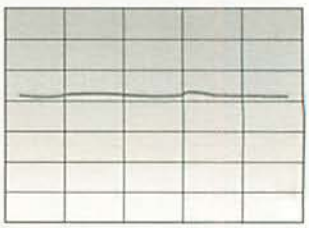

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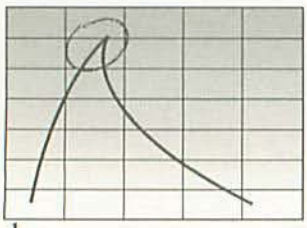

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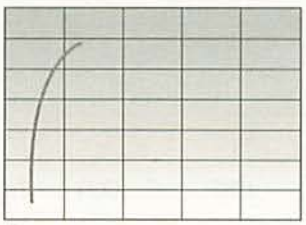

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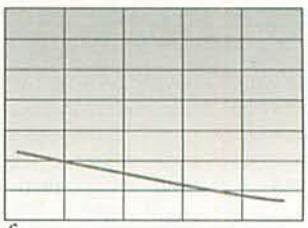

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EXERCISE 2

Look at the line graph in the warm-up exercise and complete the following sentences with the expressions we have learnt.

The graph shows _____ the Forbidden City in the last 15 years.

The price of the Eiffel Tower _____.

II. Organising your report – the main body

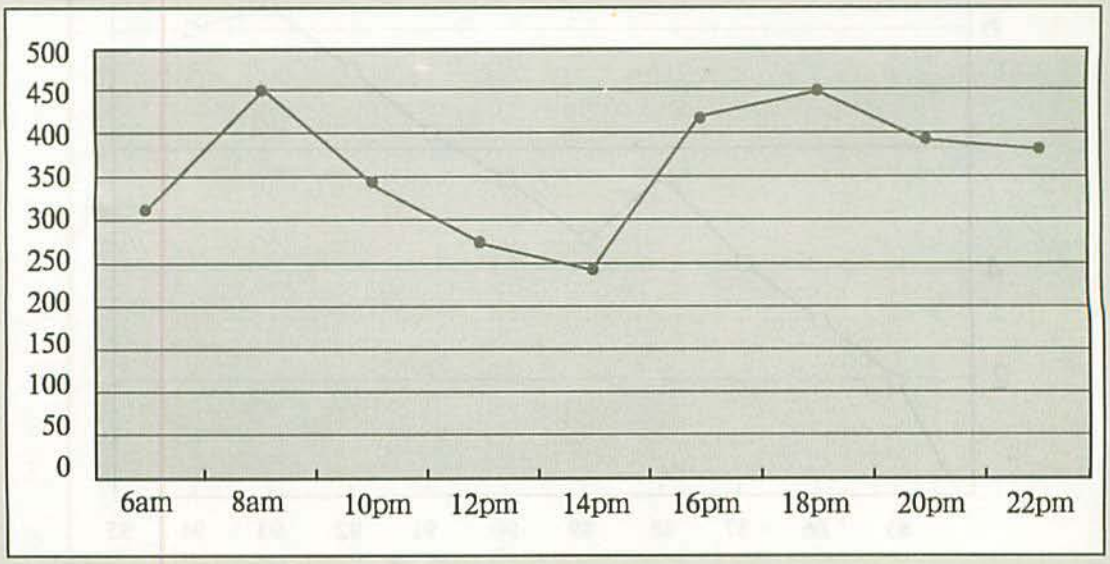
To write the main body, you first describe the graph's different trends individually; then you can use connectives to connect the ideas. If there are two or more lines, you should describe them one by one. Finally, you write a summary of the graph.

Useful connectives:

and	then	next	finally
from there...	after	before	until

Example:

The number of people at a New York subway station



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Sentences:

1) The number of people at the subway station increases from 6:00 to 8:00 when it reaches a peak.

2) There is a gradual decline in the number of people from 8:00 to 14:00.

3) The number begins to_____at 14:00, peaking at 18:00.

4) From 18:00 to 22:00 _____.

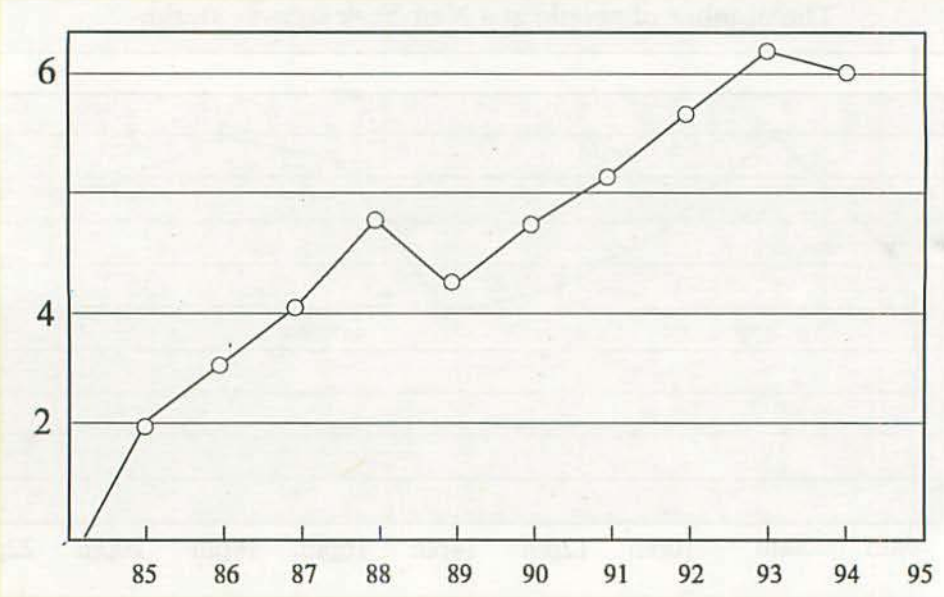
A well-developed paragraph:

The number of people at the station increases sharply from 6:00 to 8:00. After 8:00 the number of people decreases gradually until 14:00 when the lowest point is reached. Then there is a steady increase until the number of people at the station peaks again at 18:00, before falling slowly until 22:00.

EXERCISE 3

Work in groups. Look at the line graph below. Each group member writes down one sentence with a different structure about each of the four trends evident in this graph. The last one combines the four trends by using connectives.

The chart below shows China's share of the EU tourist market between1984 and 1994. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features.



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III. Organizing your report – the introduction and conclusion

The introduction is a general statement describing the graph. To write the introduction of your report, you may paraphrase the direction of the task, but do remember that you cannot copy it word-by-word in the IELTS exam, otherwise you will lose marks.

Take the task above as an example:

Your introduction:_____

_____

Useful patterns:

the graph	shows	...	from... to ...
figure / table / chart / diagram	indicate, illustrate, give information about		

The conclusion sums up your main findings in the report and you should keep it brief. Don't introduce new ideas or explain possible reasons for the phenomenon in the graph here if not required to.

For example: _____

_____

_____

_____

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EXERCISE 4

Rewrite the following instructions excerpted from IELTS tests, using the structures you have just learnt.

1) The table below shows the consumer durables (telephone, refrigerator, etc.) owned in Britain from 1972 to 1983.

2) The chart below shows the amount of leisure time enjoyed by men and women of different employment status.

3) The table below shows the figures for imprisonment in five countries between 1930 and 1980.

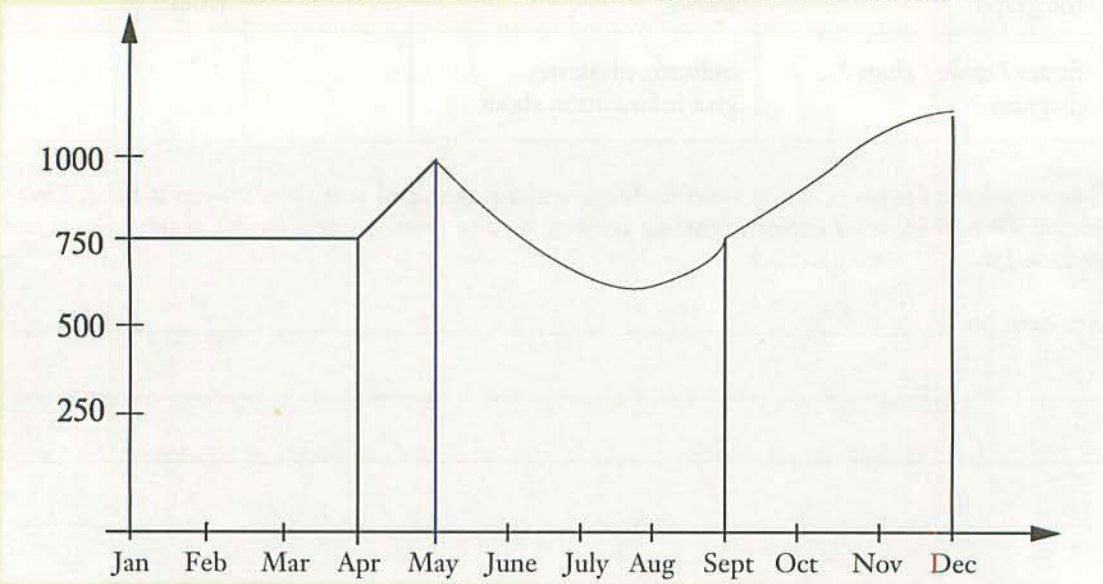
4) The charts below show the number of Japanese tourists traveling abroad between 1985 and 1995 and Australia's share of the Japanese tourist market.

5) The charts below show the levels of participation in education and science in developing and industrialized countries between 1980 and 1990.

EXERCISE 5

Take a look at the graph below. Write an introduction that explains what information the graph shows. Then write four individual sentences about each of the four trends evident in this graph. Finally, combine the four trends by using connectives you've learned. Pay attention to the tenses you will use.

Sales revenue at the Eiffel Tower in thousand Euros in 2004



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The graph shows _____

Four individual sentences:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Conclusion:_____

_____

_____

Using connectives:

_____

_____

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a) a sharp fall/ fall sharply

b) a considerable increase/ increase considerably

c) stay/remain stable

d) a peak fluctuation/ reach a peak

e) a dramatic rise/ increase dramatically

f) a gradual decline/ decline gradually

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Unit 6 Events

Warm up

Read the question below and discuss with your partner what it means.

Many countries spend a large amount of money on weapons to defend themselves though they are not at war. These countries should spend money to help their citizens who are poor and uneducated. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Unit focus: formulating an essay

I. Analysing the question

Before writing an essay, always read the question carefully and be sure you understand what it is asking. Remember, misunderstanding the question will cause you to lose marks. Other problems that can cause you to get a lower score are if you add information that has nothing to do with the question or if you only answer part of the question. Spend some time reading the question and mark any important words.

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Example Question

Many countries spend a large amount of money on weapons to defend themselves though they are not at war. These countries should spend money to help their citizens who are poor and uneducated. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

EXERCISE 1

Read the following questions and underline the important parts, then discuss with your partner to see whether you have the same understanding.

Question 1

In order to improve the quality of education, high school students should be encouraged to evaluate their teachers but others think it will result in loss of respect and discipline in the classroom. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Question 2

Nowadays, many young people are encouraged to attend entertainment programs to show their talent. Some of them even become superstars in a short time. However, many parents hold the view that young people should pay attention to their studies and not waste time on other activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Question 3

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Now look at the Example Question. Think of as many ideas as you can about it.

II. Brainstorming

Brainstorming is the process of creating and collecting ideas, before you begin to work on an essay. The best way of brainstorming is to discuss the topics in groups. During brainstorming, please don't write long sentences. Save time by writing words or short phrases.

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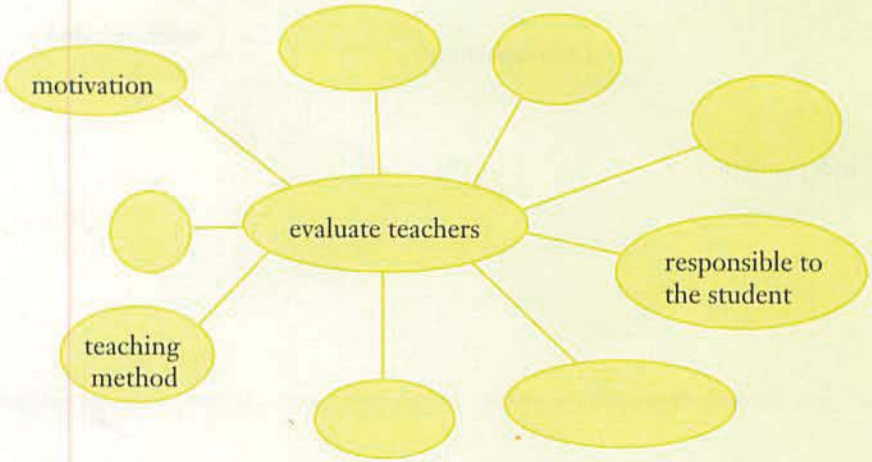
EXERCISE 2

Work in groups and brainstorm for as many answers as possible for the questions below. As you develop ideas, get one member of your group to complete the bubble diagram.

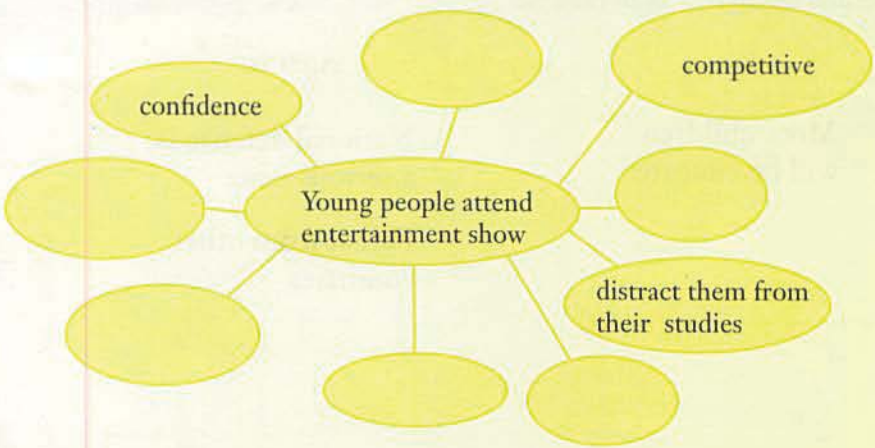
Question 1

In order to improve the quality of education, high school students should be encouraged to evaluate their teachers but others think it will result in loss of respect and discipline in the classroom. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



Question 2

Nowadays, many young people are encouraged to attend entertainment programs to show their talent. Some of them even become superstars in a short time. However, many parents hold the view that young people should pay attention to their studies and not waste time on other activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



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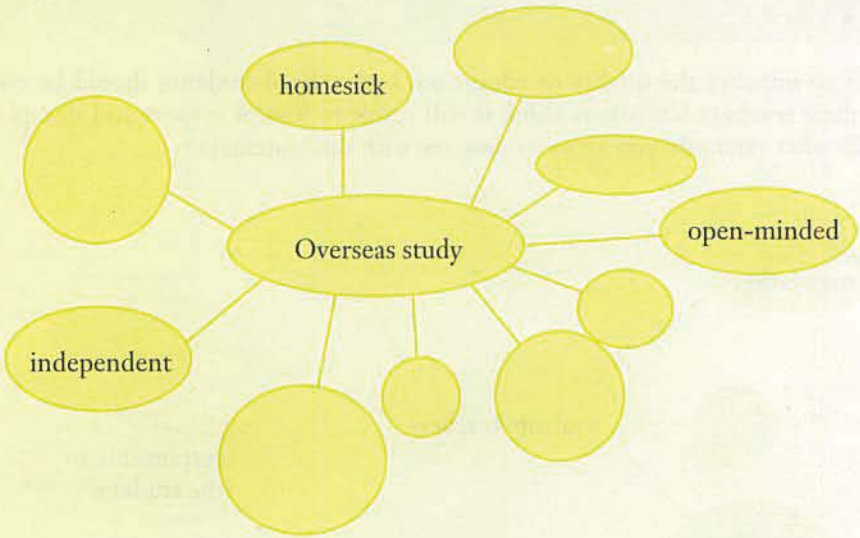
Question 3

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



III. Organizing your ideas

After brainstorming, you should organise your ideas by giving a list of pros and cons. Remember to mark the ideas that you are most familiar with and can talk further about.

Take the question on page 35 as an example:

For	Against
More children will be educated	National defense is a serious issue
	Threat from other countries

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EXERCISE 3

Work in pairs. Look back at the ideas you have brainstormed for the following questions and organise your ideas into for and against.

Question 1

In order to improve the quality of education, high school students should be encouraged to evaluate their teachers but others think it will result in loss of respect and discipline in the classroom.

For	Against
improve teaching method	teachers may be not respected

Question 2

Nowadays, many young people are encouraged to attend entertainment programs to show their talent. Some of them even become superstars in a short time. However, many parents hold the view that young people should pay attention to their studies and not waste time on other activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

For	Against
be more confident about themselves	distract them from their studies

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Question 3

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

For	Against
become independent	feel homesick overseas
open-minded	feel lonely

IV. Writing an essay plan

After brainstorming, you need to write an essay plan to organise all your ideas in a logical and systematic way. It ensures that all your ideas are relevant and well explained, and that your essay is well organised. Typically, a good essay plan should include an introduction, a main body (which usually includes three paragraphs each with a topic sentence), and a conclusion.

Sample Essay Plan

Introduction: for national defense
Main body:
- National defense is a serious issue
- Threat from other countries
- Concession: more children will be educated

Conclusion: for national defense

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EXERCISE 4

Look at the ideas you have brainstormed for the following questions and write your essay plan.

Question 1

In order to improve the quality of education, high school students should be encouraged to evaluate their teachers but others think it will result in loss of respect and discipline in the classroom.

Introduction: _____

Main body:

· Subtopic 1 _____

· Subtopic 2 _____

· Subtopic 3 _____

Conclusion: _____

Question 2

Nowadays, many young people are encouraged to attend entertainment programs to show their talent. Some of them even become superstars in a short time. However, many parents hold the view that young people should pay attention to their studies and not waste time on other activities.

Introduction: _____

Main body:

· Subtopic 1 _____

· Subtopic 2 _____

· Subtopic 3 _____

Conclusion: _____

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Question 3

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Introduction: _____

Main body:

· Subtopic 1 _____

· Subtopic 2 _____

· Subtopic 3 _____

Conclusion: _____

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1) quality of education, evaluate their teachers, loss of respect and discipline in the classroom, to what extent.

2) attend entertainment programs, become superstars in a short time, pay attention to their studies and not waste time, to what extent.

3) going overseas for university study, offer advantages, the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying, to what extent.

Unit 7 People

Warm up

Look back at your essay plan in unit 6 and discuss with your partners:

- Does your plan have the same structure as his or hers?
- Have you chosen the same ideas to explore? Why?

Unit focus: organising the essay

I. Writing the introduction

An IELTS essay begins with an introduction to quickly"introduce"the reader to the topic and to state your main argument. It should be short, and generally it consists of two parts: introduction to the topic (one or two sentences) and your own argument.

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Example

Question: Very few women hold key positions in politics and business. How could society help more women achieve such positions?

The introduction of a student's work: With the development of society, women are allowed to work outside their families. However, there is still discrimination: very few women have the chance to hold key positions in politics and business. It's a social problem and our society should take some measures to help more women achieve such positions.

It is essential for you to know how to present your own opinions (to start your essay). Below are three basic ways which may help you.

i. Expressing views

The basis of your argument is your idea. Usually they can simply be stated as facts, but if you want your argument to be a little more personal, the following structures can guide you in expressing your general opinion.

I would argue that	People argue that
I (firmly) believe that	Some people think / say that
It seems to me that	It is understood that
I tend to think that	It is generally accepted that

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EXERCISE 1

Write a sentence expressing one of your main ideas/opinions on the following topics. Use the structures listed above. After you have finished, read some sentences aloud in class. Then discuss: Did the writer use an appropriate structure? If not, in what way?

1) The use of private motor vehicles should be reduced.

2) Professors should earn more than movie stars.

3) The lottery should be banned.

ii. Making concessions

Another way of discussing the topic and avoiding being too subjective is to show awareness that there are arguments that differ from yours. This requires you to use linking words and expressions, such as while, although, despite the fact that. Moreover, adverbs such as admittedly, certainly, etc. can also be used.

EXERCISE 2

Look at the following arguments for and against some well-known topics:

Topic	For	Against
China should raise personal income tax.	It increases and maintains government income.	It is unfair for certain low income citizens.
Many university professors do business outside campus.	It is further application and practice of their knowledge.	More time should be spent on teaching and researching.

Now imagine that you are against the topic. Write a short paragraph on each topic. Begin with a sentence containing your main argument and then clarify your opinions by making a concession.

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The following is a student's work:

As far as I am concerned, professors should definitely invest their time in their teaching and concentrate their efforts on scientific research. Despite the fact that they can earn a good salary by doing business outside campus, far too much attention is paid to making money and this would distract them from the academic research. Therefore, it's totally undesirable.

Now write in a similar way, using the example topics given in the table above.

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_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

iii. Refuting an argument

If you do not agree with an argument, you can express your own view by rejecting it. The following are some of the structures that may be used to reject an argument.

I am unconvinced that ...

I don't believe that ...

It is hard to accept that ...

There is little evidence to support the ... that ...

It is unjustifiable to say that ...

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EXERCISE 3

Can you express your opinions on the following topics? You can reject the first argument (a) and then assert the second argument (b).

Here is an example:

I don't believe that movie stars should be paid high salaries. They are simply employed to do a job like anybody else.

a	b
China should establish private banks.	unstable financial market
Schools should be replaced by computers.	Computers are cold and unemotional.
Lottery should be banned.	useful revenue for the government

II. Writing the main body

To write the main body of your essay, you have to develop your argument into two or three paragraphs, each with a subtopic. In the paragraphs , you should explain your ideas and give examples to support your own opinions.

The following is a paragraph of a student's essay which was awarded band 6 on the topic of pop stars and athletes vs professors.

Firstly, the value of an occupation depends on how much it means to the public. Nowadays, athletes usually represent their nations and carry on the national dreams, and entertainment personalities bring happiness to many individuals. Numerous people could benefit from pop stars and athletes, whereas university professors influence relatively fewer people. Therefore, it is common that sports and pop stars own more money than professors.

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EXERCISE 4

The following is your essay plan in Exercise 4, Unit 6. Please choose a subtopic and write your own paragraphs according to the instructions.

Nowadays, many young people are encouraged to attend entertainment programs to show their talent. Some of them even become superstars in a short time. However, many parents hold that young people should pay attention to their studies not waste time on other activities.

Introduction: _____

Main body:

· Subtopic 1 _____

· Subtopic 2 _____

· Subtopic 3 _____

Conclusion: _____

Write a general statement to express your opinion (subtopic).

_____

_____

Then you can explain your idea in two more sentences.

_____

_____

Illustrate your point of view by giving an example.

_____

_____

Use linking words to combine your sentences.

_____

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III. Writing the conclusion

The purpose of the conclusion is to summarise what you have said in the essay and to restate your point of view. You may use the following structures to start your conclusion.

To sum up, ...
In brief, ...
Therefore, I believe that ...
The conclusion is that ...
In conclusion, ...
As I have argued above ...
Thus, it can be concluded that ...
All in all, my conclusion is that ...

EXERCISE 5

The following passage is written by a student in response to the question of how to improve women's social positions, but its conclusion is missing. Please read the passage through and add a conclusion.

With the development of society, women are allowed to work outside their families. However, there is still discrimination: very few women have the chance to hold key positions in politics and business. It's a social problem and our society should take some measures to help more women achieve such positions.

On the one hand, the prevalent attitude towards women working should be changed. At present, quite a number of people believe that women's abilities are so good as mens'. As a result, most employers don't choose women to be in charge of important projects. As far as I'm concerned, such view is ridiculous. Everyone is born equal and the ability is cultivated later, through education, social action and communication. Therefore, whether men or women are more suitable for key positions, it all depends. To help, our government could bravely promote capable women to key positions to give an example to all society.

On the other hand, well educated women should continually improve themselves to qualify for key positions in politics and business. As we all know, in this rapidly changing world, competition is here and there, especially for high positions. For that reason, it is crucial for those who operate the company or manage the city, town and so on to make decisions, so the work itself needs high quality people to make things better and better.

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As far as I am concerned, China should not raise personal income tax. Admittedly, it can increase and maintain government income. However, it is quite unfair for certain low income citizens and thus will affect their living standard. Therefore, it is not desirable.

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Unit 8 Society

Warm up

Take a look at the table below, and read the two passages written by two students. Discuss with your partner:

- Which one is better? In what way?

Country	GDP per capita (USD)	Adult illiteracy rate	Newspaper sales per 1,000 people
the Bahamas	13,000	4.4	99
Argentina	9,100	3.6	123
Brazil	4,900	16.8	40
Mexico	4,300	10.5	97
Surinam	3,700	7.0	122
Jamaica	2,600	15.2	63
Cuba	2,100	4.4	118

Sample Answer 1

It can be seen from the table that the Bahamas and Argentina had GDP of $13000 and $9,100

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per capita respectively and the adult illiteracy rates were 4.4 and 3.6 in the two countries. Brazil and Mexico had GDP of $4,900 and $4,300 per capita, and their adult illiteracy rates were 16.8 and 10.5. Surinam, Jamaica and Cuba had $3,700, $2,600, and $2,100 respectively, with the adult illiteracy rate at 7.0, 15.2, and 4.4.

The table shows that Another indicator, Newspaper Sales per 1,000 people had a huge number more than 100 of Argentina Surinam and Cuba. This was followed by the Bahamas 99, Mexico 97, Jamaica 63. and Brazil 40.

Sample Answer 2

We can see that GDP per capita varies substantially from 2,100 USD in Cuba to 1,3000 USD in the Bahamas, with 5 of the 7 countries below 5,000 USD.

The illiteracy rates also differ considerately. The highest illiteracy rates are for Brazil (16.8%) and Jamaica (15.2%), whilst Argentina has the lowest rate, at 3.6%. Mexico (at 10.5%) and Surinam (7%) lie in the middle. Surprisingly, the adult illiteracy rate for Cuba and the Bahamas is the same, at 4.4%.

Newspaper sales per 1,000 people are also diverse ...

Unit focus: describing and summarising data

I. Selecting important information

Often times the graphs you have described include a lot of information and it is important for you to select important information (the most conspicuous figures) and organise it in a relevant way.

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the graph below. Write one sentence explaining what information the graph shows. Then write two sentences discussing the overall information which the graph provides. Next pick out three worthy details and write a sentence about each of them. Finally, share your results with a partner and then with the rest of the class. Discuss which details you have decided to focus on and why.

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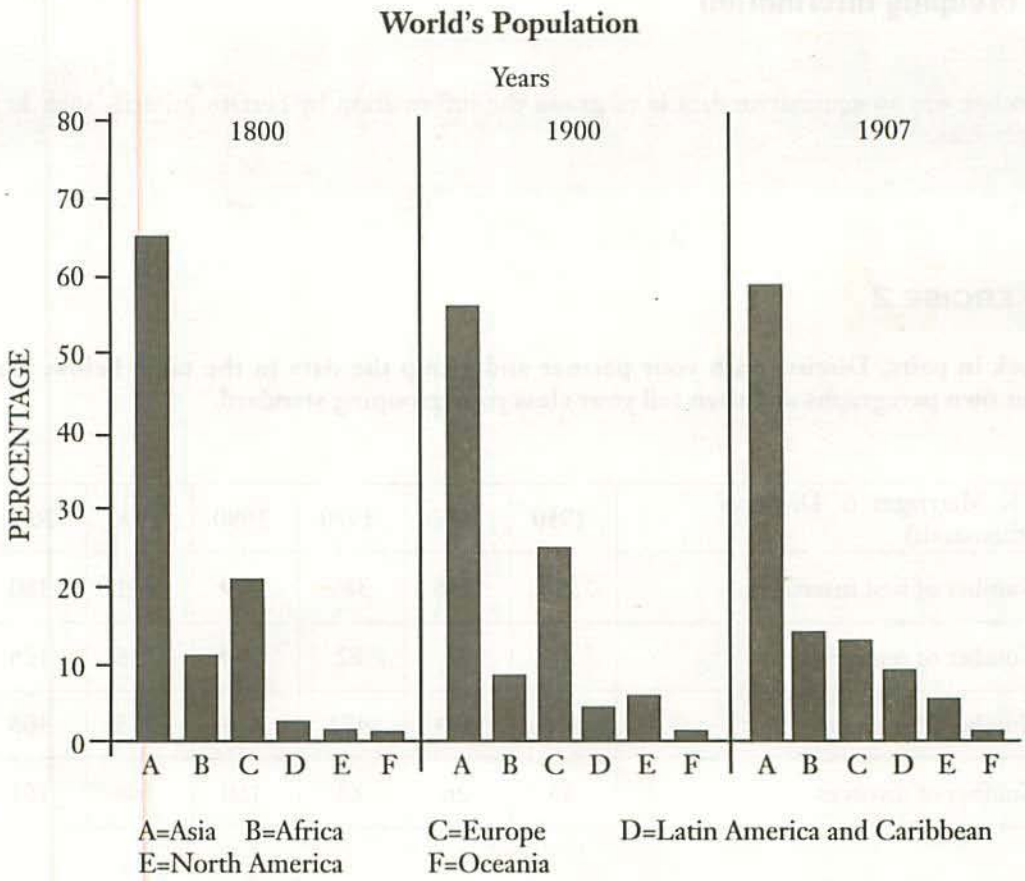

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II. Grouping information

Another way to summarise data is to group the information by certain criteria, such as the similarities.

EXERCISE 2

Work in pairs. Discuss with your partner and group the data in the table below. Write your own paragraphs and then tell your class your grouping standard.

UK Marriages & Divorces (thousands)	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Number of first marriages	330	336	389	279	241	180
Number of remarriages	78	57	82	140	135	126
Number of marriages	408	394	471	418	375	306
Number of divorces	33	26	63	160	168	155

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III. Comparing and contrasting data

When you describe the charts, tables, and graphs, it is also necessary to compare and contrast some of the details. Remember, connecting ideas in your writing will improve the communicative quality of your report and essay, and your IELTS examiner will pay close attention to this.

Contrast

while / whilst	whereas	however	on the other hand
even so	unlike	conversely	in contrast to
although	less ... than	more ... than	different from

Comparison

also	like	alike	as well as
as ... as	similarly	likewise	in the same way

EXERCISE 3

Read the following paragraphs and choose the words or phrases that fit the blanks best.

1) The percentage of heaters in households increased by 30 percent from 1969 to 1979 and, _____ (whereas / likewise / alike), by 32 percent from 1979 to 1996. The number of refrigerators _____ (while / on the other hand / similarly) jumped 33 percent from 1969 to 1979 and then increased only slightly from 93 to 99 percent in 1996. _____ (Although / In the same way / In contrast), the percentage of television sets in households rose from an already high 91 percent in 1969 to 96 percent in 1979 before climbing another three percent by 1996.

2) From these figures, we can see that the unemployment trend is _____ (similar / also / likewise) for the two cities and Great Britain as a whole. _____ (While / However / Although), the figure for London and Liverpool fluctuate _____ (alike / as well as / more than) the figure for Great Britain. The unemployment figures for Liverpool significantly _____ (more than / exceed / like) the others.

3) Overall, sales increased over the period by about 55%, _____ (however / whereas / alike) profits went up by 50%. In terms of dollar value, the best year for sales was 1999, _____ (even so / also / whilst) the best for profits was 1997.

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EXERCISE 4

Describe the graph below, using the words and phrases you have just learnt in the list above.

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likewise, on the other hand, In contrast, similar, However, more than, exceed, whereas, whilst

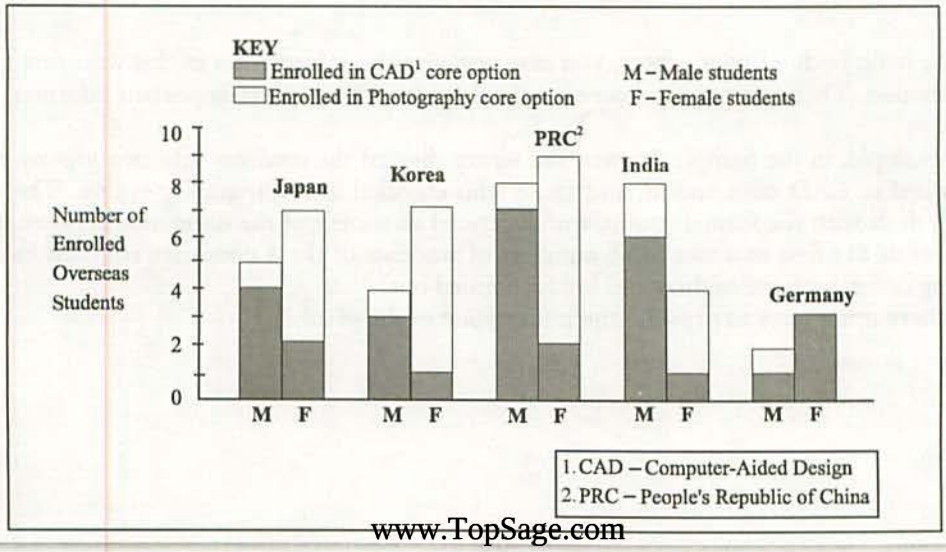
Unit 9 Learning Style

Warm up

Please read the sample answer carefully and discuss with your partner :

- In what order did the writer arrange this passage?
- Why did he/she do so?
- In what way does it look good?

The bar chart below shows the number of overseas students enrolled in a second year Graphic Design course at an Australian college.



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Sample Answer

According to the bar chart, students from four Asian countries (PRC, Japan, Korea and India) and one European country (Germany) are taking Graphic Design at the college. Some students are enrolled in the Computer-Aided Design(CAD) core option; the others are taking Photography.

Overall, the PRC has the largest number of enrolled students (17) and Germany has the smallest (5). Japan and India both have 12 students; Korea has 11. It is noticeable that Japan and Korea have similar profiles.

Students from all five countries are enrolled in CAD, but more males are taking this option than females (21 and 9 respectively). For each nationality, the males taking CAD outnumber the females, except in the case of the Germans with 3 females to only 1 male. The PRC has the most students studying CAD (9); India is next with 7, while Japan has 6. Korea and Germany have 4 CAD students each.

As for the Photography option, more females than males are enrolled from every country except Germany. In fact, no female German students are taking Photographic Design. Only 1 male from each country is enrolled in Photography, except for 2 males from India.

Unit focus: organising your report

I. The Main Body

i. Dealing with tasks containing one graph

In the main body of your report, you may organise the information in this way: first group the information. Then compare and contrast the data. After that, select important information to report.

For example, in the Sample Answer, the writer divided the students into two groups: those who enrolled in CAD core option, and those who enrolled in Photography option. The third paragraph dealt with the former group, with a general statement of the difference between males and females as the first sentence. The numbers of students of the 5 countries are then listed in descending order, with the highest and lowest pointed out.

Are there other ways to organise the information of the graph?

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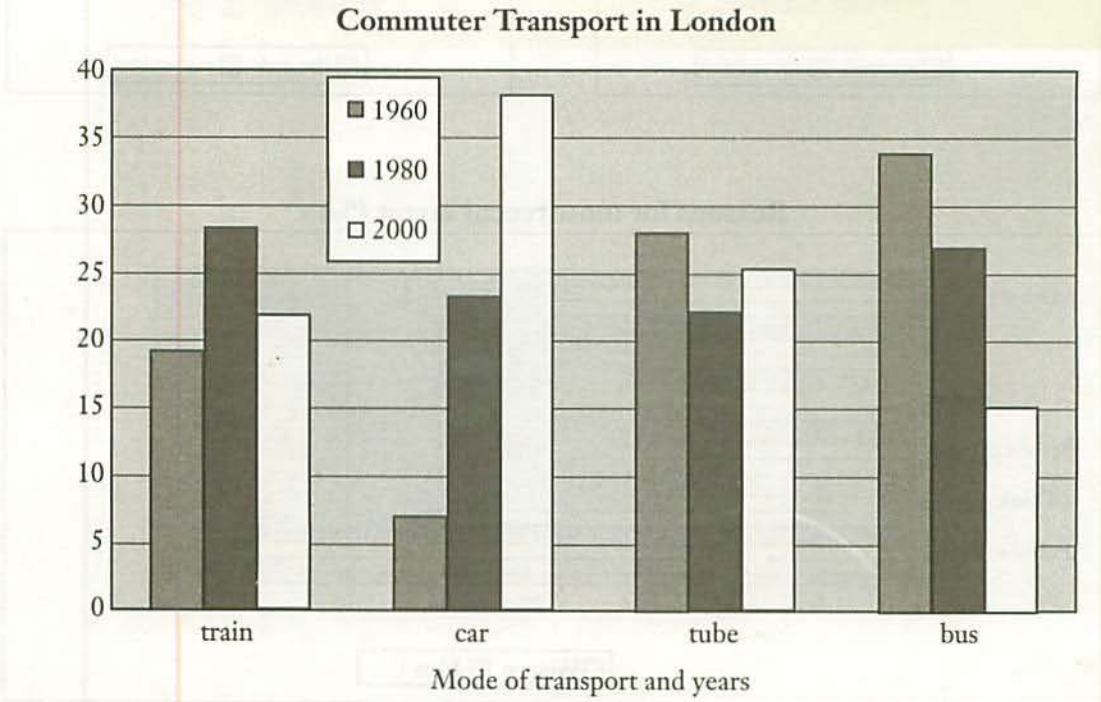
EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the graph below. In which order could it be described? How many paragraphs will you write? Discuss with your partner and be prepared to share your opinions with your classmates.



ii. Dealing with tasks with two or more graphs

There is a trend that two (or more) charts are combined together in Task 1. You have to describe each chart separately as usual, and then tell the differences (or relationship) between these graphs.

The two pie charts show the proportion of males and females arrested and the bar chart gives the reasons for most recent arrest in 1994.

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

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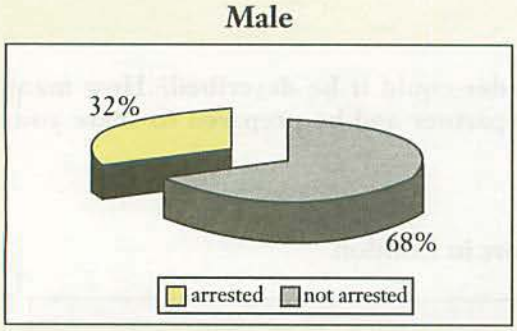

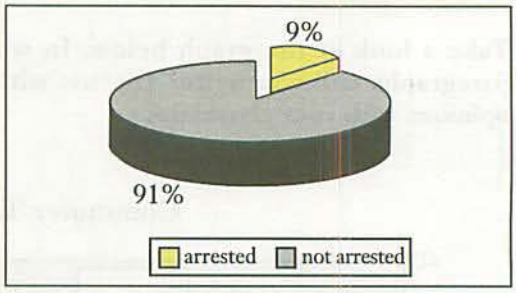

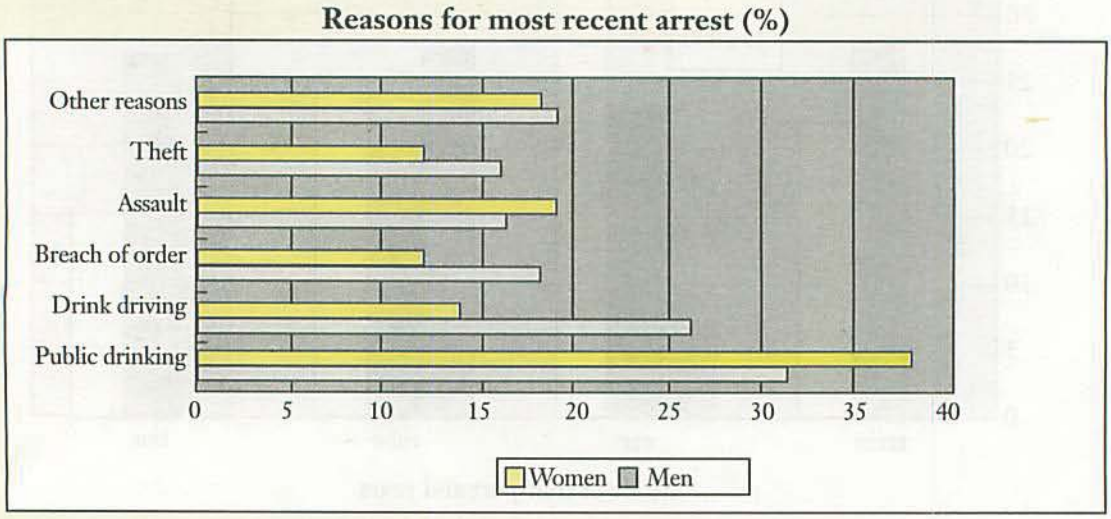

Sample Answer

The two pie charts show the proportion of males and females arrested and the bar chart shows reasons why they were arrested.

In general, females were arrested much less frequently than males and were arrested mostly for public drinking and assault, whereas males were more likely to be arrested for a range of other crimes.

The two pie charts show that about one third of the male population was arrested in 1994, while only nine percent of the female population was arrested. The highest percentage of arrests of men, which was approximately 32%, was for public drinking. However, this percentage was less than the percentage of females arrested for the same reason, which was approximately 37%. Males were more commonly arrested for drink driving, which constituted just over 25%, breach of order (about 17%), other reasons (17%) and theft (16%). Other offences in which females were more commonly arrested than males were for assault, where it constituted just fewer than 18% of the arrests.

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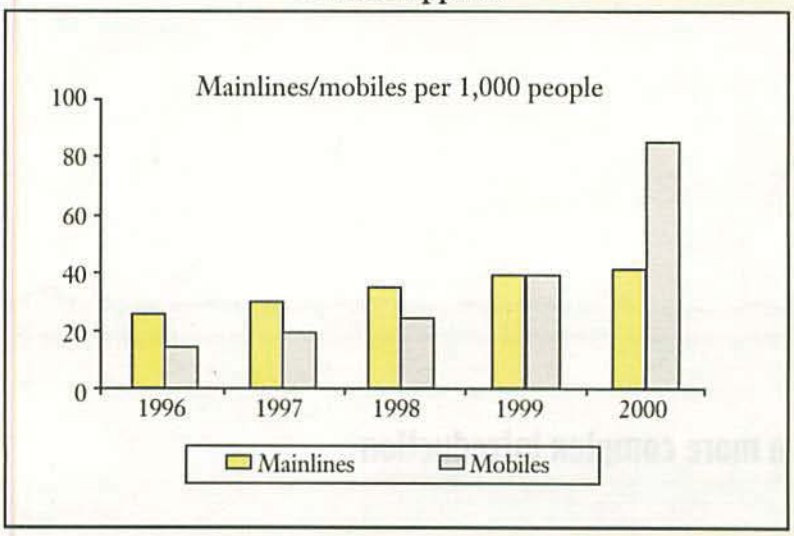
EXERCISE 2

Take a look at the task below. Can you figure out the relationship between the graphs? Discuss with your partner and be prepared to share your opinions with your classmates.

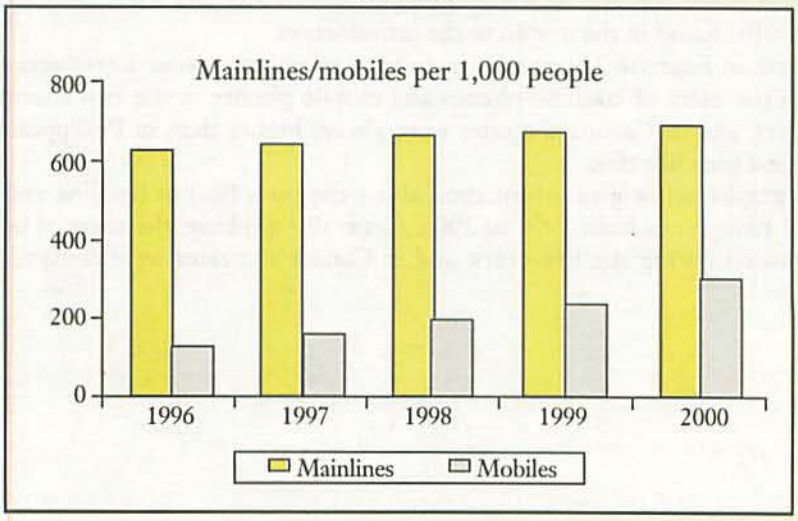
The graphs below show the number of landline phones (ordinary connections) and mobile phones per 1,000 people in two different countries — Canada and Philippines between 1996 and 2000.

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

The Philippines



Canada



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EXERCISE 3

Do you still remember what we have learnt in Unit 5 about how to write an introduction to your report? Let's now have a review. Please write an introduction based on the task instructions above.

II. Writing a more complex introduction

Your introduction tells the topic(s) of the graphs. However, in order to provide your readers with a panorama of the contents of the graphs, you should also add a summary statement about the general trend(s) found in the graphs to the introduction.

For the task in Exercise 2, you may include a statement in your introduction, "Generally speaking, both the users of landline phones and mobile phones in the two countries increased during five years, and in Canada the rates were always higher than in Philippines." Therefore your introduction goes like this:

The two graphs below give information about the rates (‰) of landline and mobile users in Canada and Philippines from 1996 to 2000. Generally speaking, the users of both in the two countries increased during the five years, and in Canada the rates were always higher than in Philippines.

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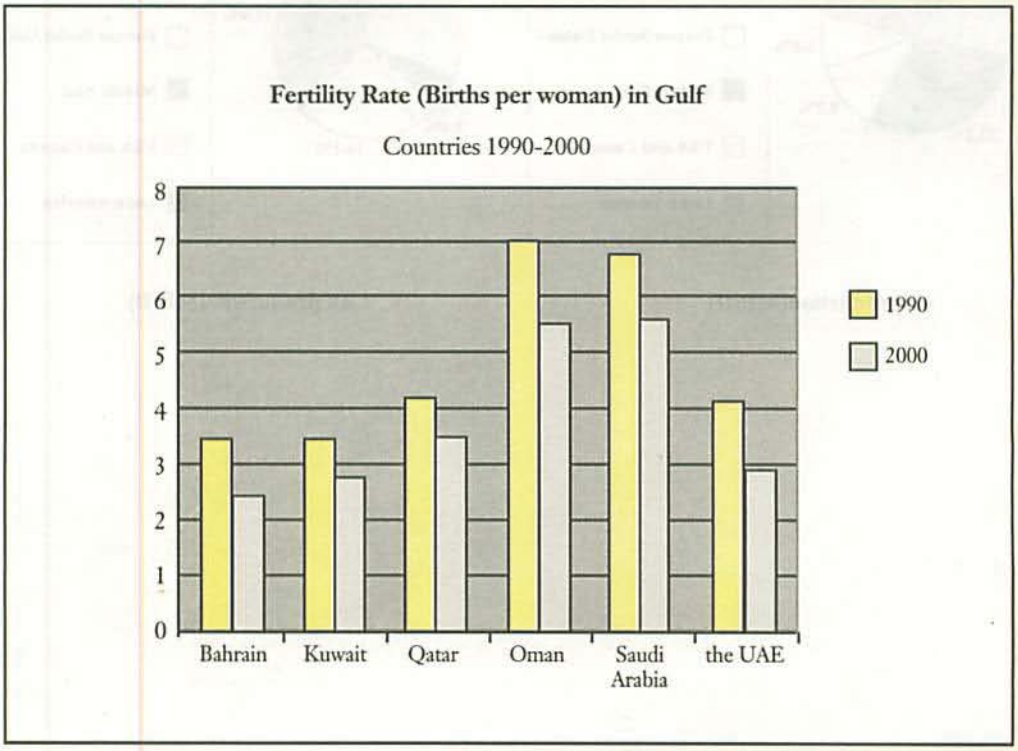
EXERCISE 4

Take a look at the tasks below. Write your introduction based on what we have just learnt.

The chart shows the changes in the fertility rate of women in six Gulf countries —Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain between 1990 and 2000. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



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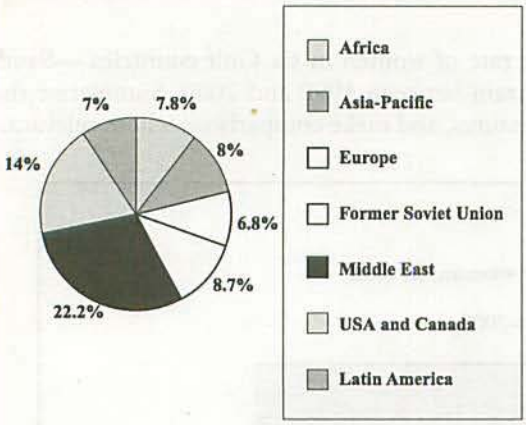
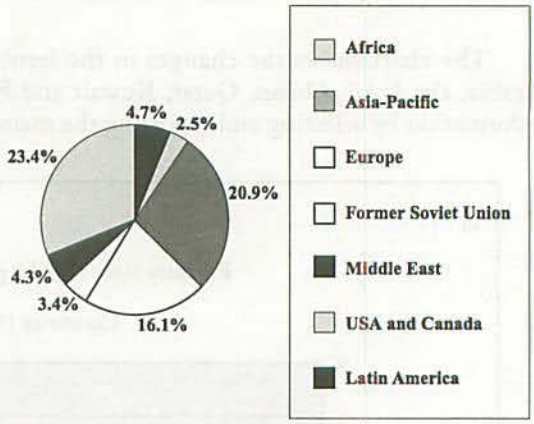
The pie charts show the amount of oil production and consumption measured in million barrels per day (MB/D) in seven regions in the year 2001.

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



oil production(MB/D)



oil production(MB/D)

III. Coherence and cohesion in report writing

When you are writing your report, you should pay attention to its coherence and cohesion, which refers to how easy it is to follow your description and how well you have used connectives to express your meaning.

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Sample Answer

The pie charts show the world divided into seven regions and the amount of oil produced and consumed in those regions in MB/D in 2001. In total, the amount of oil consumed exceeded that produced by 0.8 MB/D. The regions can be divided into two groups **one** where production outpaces consumption and the other where the reverse is the case.

The former group, the net producers, consists of Africa, the Former Soviet Union, the Middle East, and the Latin America. The Middle East is by far the largest producer (22.2 MB/D), **but** its consumption is **relatively** low (4.3 MB/D), just a fifth of what it produces. Africa produces 7.8 MB/D, about three times what **it** consumes (2.5 MB/D), the Former Soviet Union about 250% more, and Latin America about 150% more.

The other group, the net consumers, consists of the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, and the USA and Canada. The USA and Canada is the region which consumes the most oil (23.4 MB/D), **though** we can see that it is also the second largest producer region (14 MB/D). The Asia-Pacific region is the second largest consumer (20.9 MB/D). Europe is the third largest consumer (16.1 MB/D) and the smallest producer (6.8 MB/D).

EXERCISE 5

The graphs below show the number of schools, enrolments and teachers from 1905 to 1985. Sentences 1 to 8 below describe the information shown in the graphs, but not in the right order. Rewrite the information taken from these graphs and jumbled sentences into a total of five paragraphs, including an introduction and a conclusion. Pay attention to your coherence and cohesion.

1. Numbers fell slightly to 38,000 in 1945, rose gently to 40,000 in 1955 and then rose dramatically to 160,000 in 1985.

2. The graphs reveal that although the numbers of teachers and students rose, particularly between 1955 and 1975, the number of schools declined. After 1975, student numbers fell but the number of teachers continued to rise.

3. These graphs show the relationship between the number of schools, enrolment of students, and teachers in schools between 1905 and 1985.

4. Numbers rose dramatically between 1945 and 1985, with more than 2.25 million students at school at the end of the 1970's.

5. Although there was a return to 8,000 in 1965, this was not maintained and in 1985 there were again fewer than 8,000 schools.

6. There were almost 8,000 government schools in 1905, rising to 10,000 in 1924 and remaining around that figure until 1935 when a steady decline began, falling to less than 8,000 schools in 1955.

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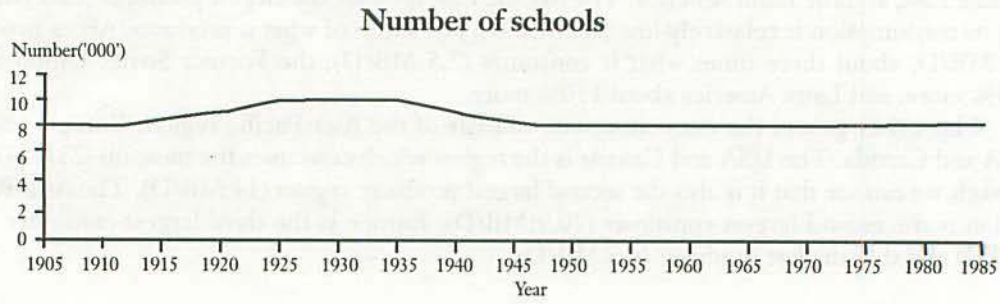
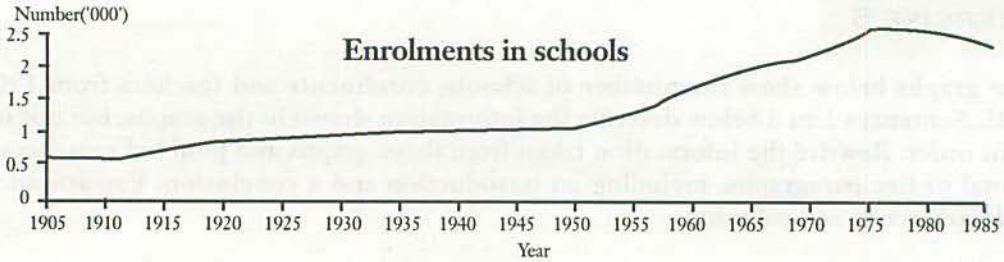
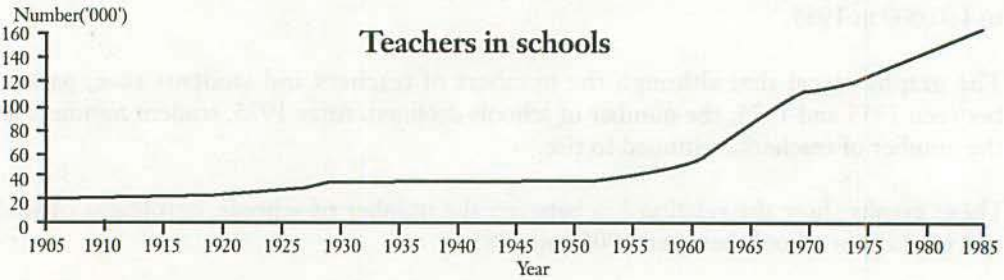
7. Enrolments climbed steadily from more than half a million students in 1905 to almost a million in 1945.

8. Teacher numbers climbed steadily from fewer than 20,000 in 1905 to almost 40,000 in 1930.







Unit 10

Plan Your Career

Warm up

Discuss with your classmates:

- What is your future plan?
- What kind of job do you prefer?

Unit focus: describing a process or an event

I. Describing a flow chart

Occasionally, you may be asked to describe a process in Task 1. In order to produce a well-written article that clearly describes a process, you should first make sure that you fully understand the process. Next, take the time to write down every single step in between.

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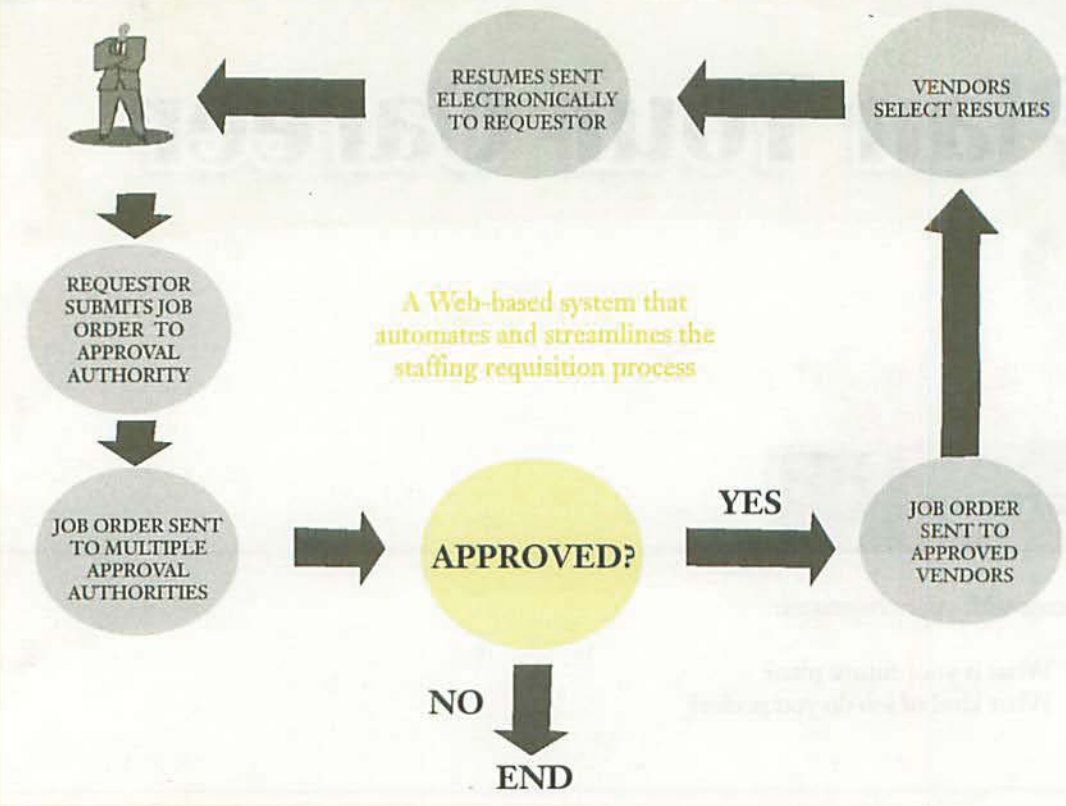
EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the following flow charts and answer the questions below.

Chart 1



1) What is it about?

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2) Where is the beginning?

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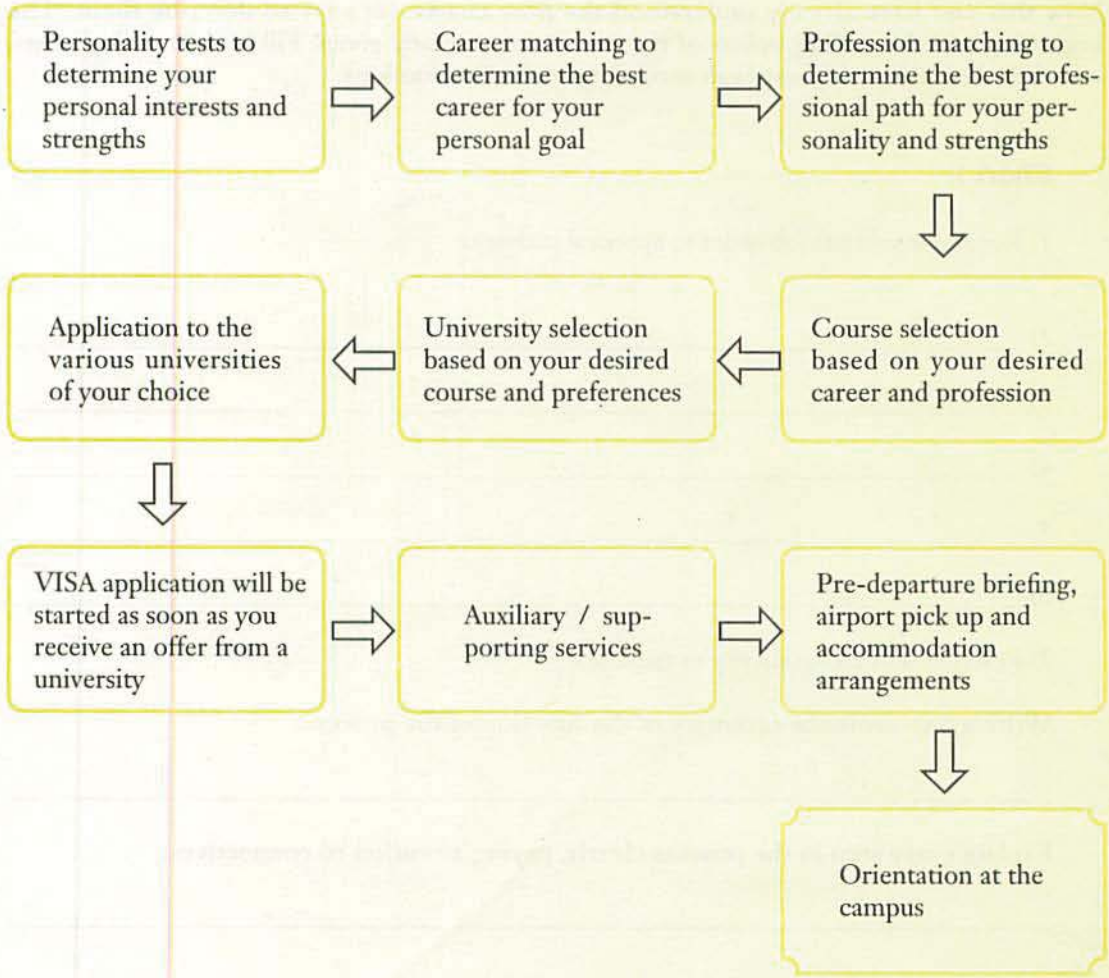
Chart 2



1) What is it about?

_____

2) Where is the beginning point?

_____

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EXERCISE 2

Now that you have already understood the flow charts, let's try to describe them. The beginning and the ending points of the process are already given. Fill in the missing steps, and then develop your paragraph according to the instructions.

Chart 1

1) Requestor submits job order to approval authority

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) Resumes sent electronically to requestor

Write a one-sentence summary of the function of the process:

_____

Explain every step in the process clearly, paying attention to connectives:

_____

_____

_____

Chart 2

1) Personality tests to determine your personal interests and strengths

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

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5) _____

6) _____

7) Orientation at the campus

Write a one-sentence summary of the function of the process:

_____

Explain every step in the process clearly, paying attention to connectives:

_____

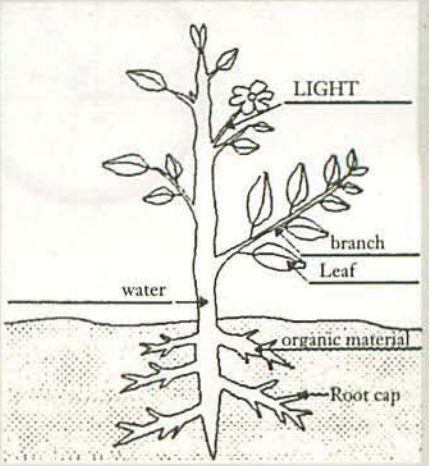
_____

_____

II. Describing how something works

Besides describing a process, you may also be asked to describe how something works in Task 1 occasionally. You can describe its structure in one paragraph and explain the working process in another. Or you can do that in one paragraph, with the structure and the working process being arranged together, as in the Sample Answer. The introduction should be very short, perhaps even unnecessary. Directly report what process the diagram shows, but remember not to copy the instruction of the Task.

Look at the diagram of a plant. Write a report for a university lecturer briefly describing the structure of the plant (using the labels on the diagram) and describing the two ways that the plant gets food and energy (through its roots and through its leaves, i.e. photosynthesis).



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Sample Answer

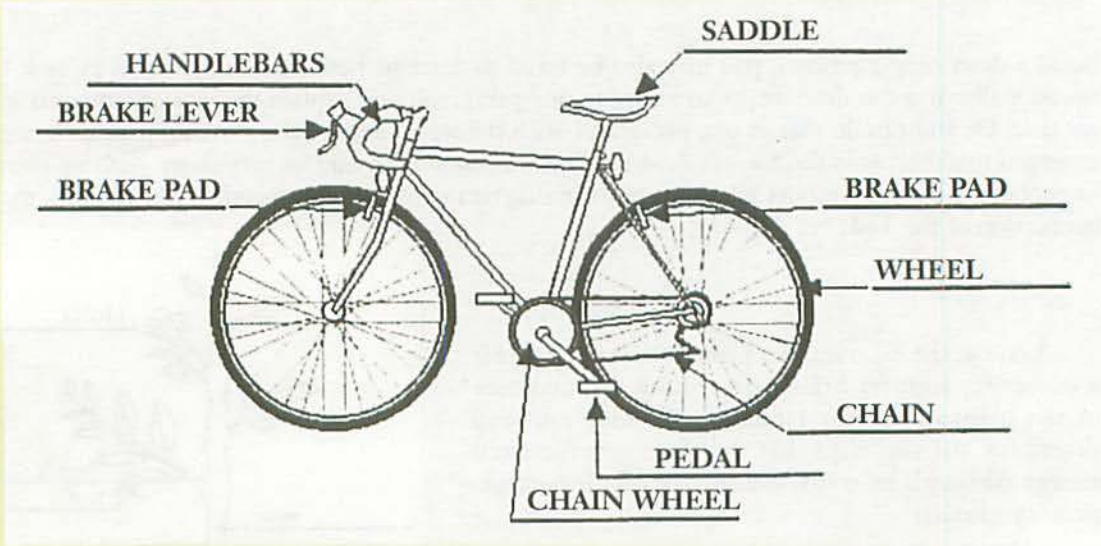
Plants lie partly above ground and partly below ground. There are two ways for plants to get food and energy, utilizing both the components above ground and below.

The parts growing below ground are the roots. The main root, which tends to grow vertically down, is called the tap root. Other roots grow out from this tap root. The ends of the roots draw in water and nutrients from the soil. These nutrients usually enter the soil from decomposing plant and animal matters. Water enters the soil when it rains or when the land is flooded. The nutrients then pass through the root system and the rest of the plant via the stem and branches.

Above ground, the plant has a stem, branches growing out of this stem, and leaves growing on the branches. Plants also use their leaves to turn sunlight into energy. This process is called photosynthesis. Sunlight shines on the leaves, which then channel this energy through the branches and the stem to the rest of the plant.

EXERCISE 3

Take a look at the diagram below. Discuss with your partner about how it works. Be prepared to share your opinions with your classmates.



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EXERCISE 4

Try to describe the structure of the bicycle using the labels on the diagram and describe the process in which a bicycle can be moved by using the pedals (i.e. by pedaling). You may work in groups. Each member of your group writes one sentence, and the last one combines them together.

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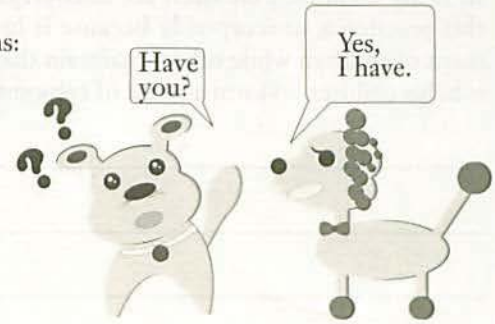
Unit 11 Education

Warm up

Discuss with your partner about the following questions:

- Have you ever attended a boarding school?
- Have you ever been away from your parents for a long time?
- Did you have a part-time job before? And how did you feel about it?



Unit focus: collecting details and planning an essay

I. Review – analysing questions and brainstorming

We've learnt how to deal with Task 2 in Level Two. Let's now have a review.

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EXERCISE 1

Read the following questions and underline important information. Then rewrite them in your own words.

Question 1

Some people think that it is better for children to go to boarding schools while others think that they should go to day school and stay with their parents. What's your opinion on this?

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Question 2

In many countries, children are encouraged to take part in some paid jobs. Some people think this practice is unacceptable because it brings about negative impacts on the healthy development of children while others maintain that paid jobs are conducive to children's growth, because it helps children to form a sense of responsibility. What's your opinion?

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Question 3

Some people believe that students who want to go to universities after graduation from high school should have about one year's time to get a job to obtain work experience or have a travel to enlarge their vision. What are the advantages and disadvantages regarding it and what is your opinion?

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Question 4

Many parents send their children abroad to study, discuss the advantages and disadvantages about this. When do you think will be a suitable age for children to be sent abroad?

EXERCISE 2

Work in groups. Choose one question from above that your group is interested in, and discuss: what does the question ask you to do? Then brainstorm and write down a for-and-against list. Be prepared to share your list with the class.

For	Against

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II. From general ideas to specific ideas

Some of the ideas in the for-and-against list are very general. Can you think of some more specific examples? Or give some of the specific examples as a general idea?

For example:

General	Sports	School subjects
Specific	Swimming	math
	Fishing	English
	Boating	P.E. ...

EXERCISE 3

Work in groups. Look back to your group's list. Some of the ideas you came up with are very general, but some examples are more detailed. Can you think of more examples for each general point? Can you think of a general description for some detailed examples?

III. Writing an extended essay plan

Do you still remember what we've learnt about writing an essay plan in Unit 6? We have successfully figured out the topic sentences in each paragraph of the main body. The following is what we got in Unit 6 :

Example Essay Plan from Unit 6

Introduction: for national defense

Main body

- National defense is a serious issue
- Threat from other countries
- Concession: more children will be educated

Conclusion: for national defense

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However, there are far more ideas than we can use in our essay. Look back to what we did in Exercise 3. The general ideas we thought out may serve as the basis of topic sentences and the specific ones as supporting details or examples.

So now we have an extended essay plan:

Extended Essay Plan

Introduction: for national defense

Main body

- National defense is a serious issue
  - Our country should be strong enough to defend itself
  - History of being invaded
- Threat from other countries
  - Nuclear threats
  - Spies
- Concession: more children will be educated
  - Should invest more in education
  - But the sources of money are various, not necessarily from national defense

Conclusion: for national defense

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EXERCISE 4

Look at the ideas you've brainstormed in Exercise 2. Write essay plans for the questions.

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

Question 4:

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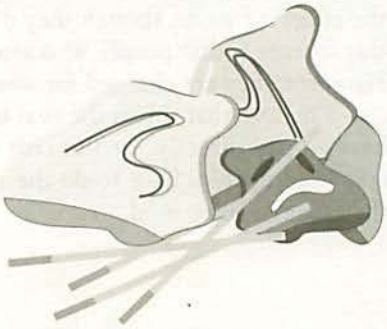
Unit 12

Environment

Warm up

Discuss with your class:

- What's your opinion about environmental protection?
- What could we do to protect our globe?



Unit focus: introduction and conclusion

I. Review – organising your essay

Read the following questions and the Sample Answer. Then discuss with your partners:
How many parts are there in the question? What are they?
What is the main argument of the essay?
What are the sub-topics?
How does the author organize the essay and what is its structure?

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Sample Question

It is often said that we are living in a world full of plastic bags and rubbish. Discuss the reasons for this and suggest how the situation might be improved or resolved.

Sample Answer

"Economic development" is nowadays clearly associated with consumerism. We consider Zaire to be less developed, not simply because of a lack of clean drinking water, but because the people there do not generally possess mobile phones. We consider the USA to be developed, not because of the relatively high number of people who die in violent crimes, but because most Americans have cars. One of the negative aspects of consumerism is that it helps create a lot of waste materials, which needs to be dealt with increasingly urgently.

As we buy more products, we inevitably throw out old ones, because we do not need them any more. The problem of what to do with old refrigerators (and the environmentally dangerous CFC's in them) became a big issue several years ago in Europe. Many old items can be recycled or refurbished and used again. A company in the USA, GreenDisk, recycles computer discs, whilst a British charity repairs and sends used bicycles to developing countries.

We also use substantial amount of packaging. This can often be reduced if recycled materials can be used. Consumer pressure can have an effect. Years ago, McDonalds (in the UK) used plastic to package hamburgers. Now, as a result of consumer pressure and bad publicity, they use recycled paper.

Some countries, Germany in particular, have advanced recycling schemes. These help reduce the effects of waste, though they do not really affect the amount of waste produced. One aspect of this scheme is that people who separate materials for recycling are not charged for their removal. However, they are charged for waste that cannot be recycled or is not prepared for recycling.

I believe that this is the real key to waste reduction and better waste management. If people have to pay directly for the cost of waste materials, they will think more about the issue. Of course companies have to do the same, they will also think harder about waste management and the materials they used.

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EXERCISE 1

Try to write an essay plan according to the Sample Answer.

Essay Plan

II. Introduction – thesis statement

A thesis statement is the main topic of an essay, that is to say, it is your main idea. It is very important, because if you don't state your opinion clearly at the beginning of the essay, your examiner will find it difficult to follow your argument. The thesis statement should be included in the introduction, which is to introduce the main topic of your essay and your own opinions (agree, disagree, partially agree, etc.).

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EXERCISE 2

Write introductions for the following questions. Remember to include thesis statements in your answers. After you have finished writing, please exchange your answers with your partner to check whether you have the same ideas.

Question 1

Some people think that it is better for children to go to boarding schools while others think that they should go to day school and stay with their parents. Discuss.

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Question 2

In many countries, children are encouraged to take part in some paid jobs. Some people think this practice is unacceptable because it brings about negative impacts on the healthy development of children while others maintain that paid jobs are conducive to children's growth, because it helps children to form a correct attitude towards jobs and form a sense of responsibility. What's your opinion?

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Question 3

Some people believe that students who want to go to universities after graduation from high schools should have about one year's time to get a job to obtain work experience or have a travel to enlarge their vision. What are the advantages and disadvantages regarding it and what is your opinion?

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Question 4

Many parents send their children abroad to study. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. When do you think would be a suitable age for children to be sent abroad?

III. Conclusion

We've already learnt how to write a conclusion in Level Two. Do you still remember the phrases and structures?

To sum up ...	In conclusion ...
Overall ...	To conclude ...
In the final analysis ...	Ultimately ...

EXERCISE 3

Choose the right introductions and conclusions for the following question. Why do you think so? Be prepared to share your opinions with your classmates.

It is always not so easy to find a balance between economic development and environmental protection, which one do you believe is more important?

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Choice 1

It is a hot topic to talk about environmental protections nowadays; there are different opinions on which one is more important — economic development or environmental protections.

Choice 2

From the above analysis, we can come to a conclusion that environment is more important when there is a conflict between economic development and environmental protections.

Choice 3

The balance between economic development and environmental protection is a hot issue today. I am in favour of the former when we cannot have both prosperity and environment, the reasons are as follows.

Choice 4

The reasons presented above lead us to the conclusion that economic development is more important for us to solve many problems we are facing right now.

Choice 5

Is economic development more important than environmental protection? And can the balance between them be achieved? This is a valuable question to be explored.

EXERCISE 4

Write conclusions for the questions in Exercise 2.

Question 1

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Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

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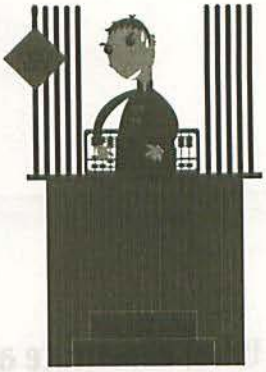
Unit 13 Tradition

Warm up

Mid-autumn Day is a traditional Chinese festival when people get together with their families. Being a part of the Chinese folk culture, it has a long history. But nowadays many people would rather celebrate western festivals than Chinese ones. What's your opinion on this? And what's your opinion on traditional culture? Discuss with your partners.



Unit focus: paragraph

I. Review

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EXERCISE 1

Work in groups. Write an essay plan for the following question.

In many countries, people don't wear their national costume any longer. Many people think the citizens will forget their history and tradition. So people should be encouraged to wear national costume every day. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay Plan

II. What constitute a paragraph?

Generally speaking, a paragraph contains two parts: topic sentences and supporting sentences. The topic sentence is usually the first sentence of the paragraph, which shows the main topic of the paragraph. Whereas the supporting sentences are the evidence you give to support the topic. Their purpose is to explain your ideas to the readers. Do remember that each paragraph should contain only one topic.

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EXERCISE 2

Decide which of the following are topic sentences and which are supporting sentences.

1) Children from a boarding school tend to come up with their own solutions to the problems they face instead of turning to their parents for help.

2) As a result, only children from rich families can afford to attend a boarding school.

3) Going to a boarding school usually costs much more than an ordinary day school.

4) The disadvantages should not be ignored if the children are punished for having done wrong things.

5) Scientific experiments on animals are cruel.

6) Firstly, punishment might damage the children's confidence or self-esteem and be harmful to their physical health.

7) A boarding school is an ideal place for developing children's independence.

8) They undergo some kind of pain, discomfort or deformity.

Keys:

T:	3	4	5	7
S:	1	2	6	8

EXERCISE 3

The following is a paragraph, but the sentences are in the wrong order. Reorganise them by putting the topic sentence first, then the supporting sentences.

1) And personal computers were introduced as recently as the early eighties.

2) The first computers were built fifty years ago and it is only in the last thirty years or so that their influence has affected our everyday life.

3) Computers are a relatively new invention.

4) We are now so dependent on computers that it is hard to imagine what things would be like today without them.

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5) You have only got to go into a bank when their main computer is broken to appreciate the chaos that would occur if computers were suddenly removed worldwide.

6) In this short time they have made a tremendous impact on our lives.

EXERCISE 4

Work in groups. Read the paragraphs written by students and discuss the following questions:

Which paragraphs are better? Why do you think so?
How could they be improved?

Paragraph 1

With the development of society, nuclear technology already applied to nuclear weapons. Undoubtedly, it is a huge progress of nuclear technology. It can defend the country as fairly strong equipment, especially an outbreak of wars. Therefore in some extent it can be represented how strong a country is.

Paragraph 2

First of all, the nuclear technology will improve our life. The resources is limitary, not only we should protect it, but also we should exploit and use it in a good way. I think the nuclear technology will give us more resources. It is usually used in the military affairs, making the military stronger, and keeping the nation's safety. When it has been used in industrial working, people will get more new things and make our life colorful and modern, like the nuclear television, nuclear wave machine and nuclear system to defend the stealing.

Paragraph 3

First of all, people who disagree on making experimentations through using animals, believe that the experimentations such like this is so cruel, and extremely unfair, because of the equal of the life. What's more, animals can still help us to balance the nature, even though the breeds of them are reducing more and more. From the points, the fact, given the knowledge meaning through using animals, is terrible worry.

Paragraph 4

The most common argument against such experiments is that they are cruel. Cruelty suggests

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that the animals used in the experiments undergo some kind of pain, discomfort or deformity. This is understandably upsetting to many, who imagine the rabbit or the frog that they had cared for as a child having to endure such things.

III. Topic sentences

Topic sentences introduce the readers to the topics of the paragraphs, without which the readers will find your essay confusing, and difficult to follow.

EXERCISE 5

Look back to your essay plans to the following questions in the previous unit. Now write topic sentences for each of them according to your essay plans.

Question 1

Some people think that it is better for children to go to boarding schools while others think that they should go to day school and stay with their parents. Discuss.

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Question 2

In many countries, children are encouraged to take part in some paid jobs. Some people think this is unacceptable as it brings about negative impacts on the healthy development of children while others maintain that paid jobs are conducive to children's growth, because it help children to form a correct attitude towards jobs and form a sense of responsibility. What's your opinion?

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Question 3

Some people believe that students who want to go to university after graduation from high school should have about one year's time to get a job to obtain work experience or have a travel to enlarge their vision. What are the advantages and disadvantages regarding it and what is your opinion?

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Question 4

Many parents send their children abroad to study, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. When do you think would be a suitable age to send them abroad?

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EXERCISE 6

Below are three paragraphs from a student's essay, but the topic sentences are missing. Please write a topic sentence for each paragraph.

China: The New Giant

Paragraph 1

First of all, we know that _____. According to the White Papers of the Chinese Government, the Chinese work an average of about 40 hours per week while Americans work an average of 33.9 hours a week according to a report revealed by the US Department of Labor. These extra hours certainly increase Chinese productivity and gain an competitive advantage. It

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is the hard work that contributes significantly to the incredible growth of our industries.

Paragraph 2

Secondly, _____. For example, many Chinese work as engineers, technicians, or scientists rather than social workers. Most Chinese students choose to major in high-tech fields instead of the humanities. By contrast, the U.S. is less materialistic than China. A sizable percentage of Americans work in the areas of humanities and social work. Many college students pursue their dreams instead of profits, majoring in the fine arts, history, and philosophy.

Paragraph 3

Finally, _____. For example, well-known Chinese companies finance research work both at home and abroad. Many projects in the American universities like MIT, Stanford, and Cal Tech are funded by Chinese companies who intend to use the research to produce more high-quality products.

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Unit 14 Media

Warm up

Please read the question and sample answer below carefully.

- Some people believe that TV plays an important role in our daily life. What is your opinion on this?

Sample Answer

There is no doubting the convenience of the media today. However, many people have mixed feelings about its value. There are clearly advantages and disadvantages to having so many sources of information.

For most people, the television and other media such as magazines are extremely convenient and oftentimes cheap sources of, not only information, but also entertainment. There has been much discussion about their effect on different age groups. We have all seen advertisements featuring beautiful, thin women promoting perfume or make-up. These commercials are clearly designed to appeal to young women, who aspire to be just like the model.

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However, the influence of advertisements can cause many social problems, like eating disorders. Of course, advertisements are also a good source of information for people; how would we know there were new and better products if there was no one to tell us about them. The problem comes when people are influenced to over-spend on these products because they are given the impression that their life will improve greatly just by owning the item, or worse still they are influenced to change their behaviour to emulate that of the models on TV. That is to say, they use their physical appearance as their means of advancement in life, instead of concentrating on intellectual development.

Sometimes, discussing the merits and problems of various forms of media is extremely complex. By this I mean the same thing can be both bad and good. For example, many people worry about the violence in TV programmes and their effect on young people. Conversely, many people consider that these same programmes are an opportunity for us to release our stronger emotions, our feelings of anger or anxiety. I think most people would agree though, that extreme violence and pornography should be kept away from children.

In conclusion, describing the media in such simple terms as good or bad is inappropriate. They are genuine sources of entertainment and information but their content requires careful monitoring to make sure it is not harmful to society.

Unit focus: supporting sentences

The purpose of supporting sentences is to explain your ideas clearly.

I. Explaining and defining

At times it is necessary to explain more clearly what you mean. This is especially true if you introduce a new concept to the reader, or if you want to clarify an ambiguity.

Take a look at the sample answer above. Can you find out the place(s) where the writer used the method of explaining and defining?

EXERCISE 1

Add another sentence to the statement you will find below. Use the constructions provided in the word box in order to clarify the initial statement. Then write three pairs of sentences, first providing a general statement and then clarifying it with another sentence that includes one of the constructions below.

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By this, I mean ...	By ... I mean ...
To be more precise ...	That is to say ...
In other words ...	This means that ...

1) A child's academic success depends on more than his own motivation.

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2) People who have traveled extensively tend to be more tolerant than those who have never left their home town.

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3) People today spend more money on leisure but it seems as though they are not enjoying themselves as much as they used to.

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II. Giving examples

In academic writing, we often want to make our general statements clearer and more detailed. A useful way to give details and to clarify is to illustrate what we mean, that is, to give an example. A specific example as evidence will support the general claims or arguments.

Here are some sentence patterns and vocabularies that specify examples:

for example ...	for instance ...
to be specific ...	like/such as ...
as follows ...	one example of this is ...
take somebody/something for example/as an example	

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EXERCISE 2

Each of you will be given a card with sentences on it, either a general statement or a specific example. Try to find your general statement and an example to support it, or vice versa. After that, write up your own paragraph based on your card and the one you find.

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EXERCISE 3

Work in groups. Write a paragraph in response to any one of the following questions. Each member of your group shall write only one sentence, and then pass to the next to continue writing. The last one in your group should revise and edit your paragraph and add in connectives. Remember to use the words and phrases you have learnt today.

1) People receive a lot of information from news reports presented by journalists. However, some people claim that we cannot believe the news which we are presented with. What is your opinion on the issue?

2) Nowadays advertisements are everywhere. Some people think they can get information from them while others think advertisements are annoying. What is your opinion on the issue?

3) Prevention is better than cure. Out of a country's health budget, a large proportion should be diverted from treatment to spending on health education and preventative measures. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

4) Improvements in health, education, and trade are essential in the development of poorer nations. However, governments of richer nations should take more responsibility in helping poorer nations in these areas. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

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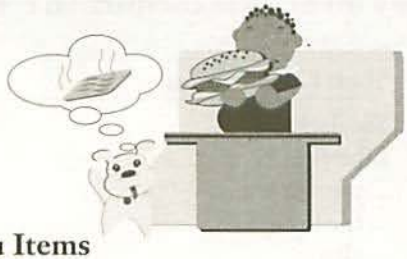
Unit 15 Business

Warm up

Discuss with your class:

- What is your impression of McDonalds?
- What factors do you think are essential for its success in China?



McDonalds' Popular Menu Items

Hamburger	汉堡包
Cheeseburger	吉士汉堡
Double Cheeseburger	双层吉士汉堡
Big Mac	巨无霸
McChicken	麦香鸡
Hot'n Spicy McChicken	麦辣鸡腿堡
Filet-O-Fish	麦香鱼
Small/Medium/Large French Fries	小/中/大薯条
Chicken McNuggets	麦乐鸡块
Hot'n Spicy Chicken Wings	麦辣鸡翅
Ice Cream Cone	圆筒
Sundae	圣代
Baked Apple Pie	苹果派
Coca-Cola	可口可乐
Diet Coke	健怡可乐
Sprite	雪碧

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The food containers for McDonalds China are simple. Only cardboard containers are used for everything. The burgers get colder quicker, but overall I have found no problems at all with them. On the contrast, some local stores use polystyrene boxes for their burgers. They DO keep the food warm for a few minutes longer, but are harder to balance on your lap, and are easily crushed or split. And it brings an undesirable side effect taking decades for the box to decompose!

Unit focus: supporting sentences

I. Comparison & Contrast

When you write your paragraph you may support your general statement by considering the relationship between two things. If you write about the similarities, the paragraph will be a comparison one. On the other hand, if you want to write about the differences, your paragraph will be a contrast one.

There are many conjunctions to give coherence to a comparison paragraph. Here is a list of some comparison conjunctions you can use:

Short Conjunctions	Longer Expressions
Similarly,	In the same way,
Likewise,	In comparison,
... the same ...	X is similar to Y in that (they) ...
... the same as ...	X and Y are similar in that (they) ...
... also ...	Like X, Y+[verb] ...
..., too.	One way in which X is similar to Y is (that) ...
both	Another way in which X is similar to Y is (that) ...

Here are some contrast conjunctions that you can use:

Short Conjunctions	Subordinating Conjunctions
However,	On the other hand,
In contrast,	On the contrary,
..., but	even though + [sentence]
..., yet	although + [sentence]
despite,	whereas + [sentence]
in spite of,	unlike + [sentence]
nevertheless,	while + [sentence]

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EXERCISE 1

Choose an appropriate conjunction for each blank in the paragraph from those shown below.

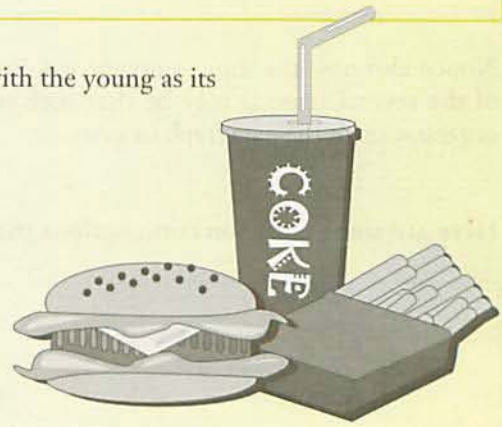
however	likewise	also	difference	similarly
whereas	another	while	but	on the other hand

Even though Arizona and Rhode Island are both states of the U.S., they are different in many ways. For example, the physical size of each state is different. Arizona is large, having an area of 114,000 square miles, _____ Rhode Island is only about a tenth the size, having an area of only 1,214 square miles. _____ is in the size of the population of each state. Arizona has about four million people living in it, _____ Rhode Island has less than one million. The two states also differ in the kinds of natural environments that each has. For example, Arizona is a very dry state, consisting of large desert areas that do not receive much rainfall every year. _____ Rhode Island is located in a temperate zone and receives an average of 44 inches of rain per year. In addition, _____ Arizona is a landlocked state and thus has no seashore, _____ Rhode Island lies on the Atlantic Ocean and does have a significant coastline.

EXERCISE 2

Write up your paragraph with the topic sentence given below. Remember to use the structures and phrases we've learnt.

The style of McDonalds China is easy and relaxing, with the young as its main target customers.



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II. Cause & Effect

Cause or effect paragraphs generally follow basic paragraph format, which means they begin with a topic sentence and this sentence is followed by specific supporting details. For example, if the topic sentence introduces an effect, the supporting sentences all describe causes.

Here is an example:

McDonalds China has enjoyed a tremendous success. As the number of people with disposable income has increased, so has the number of people wanting to try new products and food. McDonalds has created a huge number of stores so that it is possible to find one of their restaurants on almost every large street in the country. Thus, not only is their success due to people having more money to spend, but also due to the fact that the restaurants themselves are extremely convenient.

Notice how each supporting sentence is a cause that explains the effect mentioned in the topic sentence. In the chart below are the main ideas of the above paragraph, to help you understand the relationships better:

EFFECT (Topic Sentence)	CAUSES (Supporting Sentences)
More people buy McDonalds food. People think it is very convenient.	People have more money. More restaurants.

Notice also how the topic sentence is followed by the "focusing" or "prediction" phrases: one of the several reasons may be that such phrases or sentences help the reader anticipate the organization of the paragraph or essay.

Here are some common conjunctions that can be used to express cause and effect:

since	as a result	because of + noun phrase
because	therefore	due to + noun phrase
consequently	for this reason	so

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EXERCISE 3

Read the paragraph below. Pay attention to the conjunctions. Which one/ones do you think is/are wrong?

There are several possible reasons why my father is in excellent health, even though he is over eighty years of age. For one thing, he is in excellent condition (1) because he has stopped smoking cigarettes. He quit smoking cigarettes (2) because of whenever he climbed stairs he would invariably stop several times and cough loudly. His health has also become better (3) since cutting down on the wrong kinds of foods. For example, whereas before he would eat fatty red meat and deep-fried dishes several time a week, nowadays he seldom does so. He has more energy (4) as a result. He is also in good physical shape (5) as a consequence of his devotion to exercise. He swims three times a week at the local gym, and on sunny days he prefers to walk home rather than take the bus. (6) So, my father is in better shape than some of his children are!

EXERCISE 4

Each of you will be given a card with words on it, bearing either a cause or an effect. Try to find your cause of an effect, or vice versa. After that, write up your own paragraph based on your card and the one you find.

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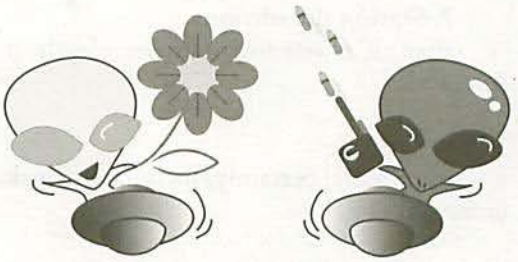
Unit 16

Science and Technology

Warm up

Discuss with your classmates:

- If one day E.T. comes to the earth, what do you think they will come for, war or friendship?



Unit focus: writing a better paragraph

I. Signalling

The connections between sentences and paragraphs can be made explicit by the use of different signalling words that provide helpful signposts.

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We've already learnt many signal words before, now let's review:

Signal words

1. Time/order

at first, eventually, finally, first, firstly, in the end, in the first place, in the second place, lastly, later, next, second, secondly, to begin with

2. Comparison/similar ideas

in comparison, in the same way, similarly

3. Contrast/opposite ideas

but, despite, in spite of, even so, however, in contrast, in spite of this, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, whereas, yet

4. Cause and effect

accordingly, as a consequence, as a result, because, because of this, consequently, for this reason, hence, in consequence, in order to, owing to this, since, so, so that, therefore, thus

5. Examples

as follows, for example, for instance, such as, thus

6. Generalisation

as a rule, for the most part, generally, in general, in most cases, normally, on the whole, usually

7. Stating the obvious

after all, as one might expect, clearly, it goes without saying, naturally, obviously, of course, surely

8. Attitude

admittedly, certainly, fortunately, luckily, oddly enough, strangely enough, undoubtedly, unfortunately

9. Summary/conclusion

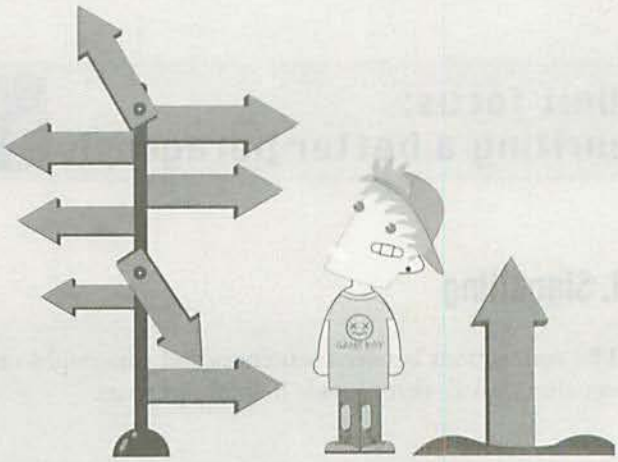
finally, in brief, in conclusion, in short, overall, so, then, to conclude, to sum up

10. Explanation/equivalence

in other words, namely, or rather, that is to say, this means, to be more precise, to put it another way

11. Addition

apart from this, as well as, besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover, nor, not only ... but also ..., too, what is more



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12. Condition
in that case, then

13. Support
actually, as a matter of fact, in fact, indeed

14. Contradiction
actually, as a matter of fact, in fact

15. Emphasis
chiefly, especially, in detail, in particular, mainly, notably, particularly

EXERCISE 1

Fill in blanks using the words provided below.

besides	although	but	however	not only ... but also
moreover	because	so	so ... that	either ... or

1. Water is necessary to plants, _____ too much water will kill them.
2. I broke my glasses, _____ I couldn't see the actors and actresses well.
3. The doctor must have sat up all night with his patient, _____ he looks tired and sleepy.
4. Mark doesn't drink coffee, _____ beer _____ wine.
5. _____ Barbara _____ her sons did a lot for their neighbours.
6. _____ Mark had only took part in the contest for fun, he won first prize.
7. Mr. Lim _____ adores his daughters _____ he keeps buying them expensive toys.
8. I thought those figures were correct. _____, I have recently heard that they were not.
9. The expert knew the painting was a forgery._____, he knew who had painted it.
10. I do not have time to see the film — _____, it's had dreadful reviews.

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EXERCISE 2

Look at the following sample answer written by a student. He misused or forgot to use some signal words. Find out and correct them.

The cultures of different countries are becoming similar so there is no point for people to go traveling abroad for they could have same experience at home. Do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

The world is becoming a global village with the advent of globalization. (1) And, it is possible that people who live in different countries could have the same taste due to assimilation of cultures. (2) It does still make sense to tour through the world.

Travelling out of one's country can enjoy the beauty of nature and special exotic character in person, which would not be instead of imagination only stay at home. (3) You may imagine the scene of the ancient and mystic Egyptian pyramids from colourful pictures, even you can assume your feeling of standing in front of the pyramid. (4) Well, you can never really touch it yourself just according to your imagination. (5) It is inconceivable that distinguishing imagination from real taste of traveling.

(6) Also, having a trip abroad can show a real and vivid world to you. It is true that the cultures could become similar owing to the development of society, but never be the same. (7) It is unthinkable to acquire same practice of other countries, such as traditional culture, if just stay at home.

(8) More or less, the benefits of traveling abroad give you a new frame of reference for understanding the world and your role in it, which is hardly to accomplish the same results if only learn it at home without real practice.

(9) Finally, traveling abroad can (10) make you relax, unwind and appreciate the world, broaden your global perspective, expand your horizons. The reactions to the trips abroad are overwhelmingly positive and its advantages could not be replaced with anything else even in the future life.

II. Flow of information in paragraphs

In order for a paragraph to be easy to read, the information in it must flow easily from one sentence to the next. To achieve this, it is important to structure your information clearly and arrange them in a highly logical way.

Let's take a look at the following two short paragraphs:

I was born in Edinburgh. Edinburgh is the second largest city in Scotland.

I was born in Edinburgh. The second largest city in Scotland is Edinburgh.

Which one do you think is better? All the sentences are grammatically correct but Example 1 is preferred in English. Why?

Most sentences in English have two parts, a topic and a comment. The topic is what you are writing about—it is shared information and it has been introduced to your reader. The comment

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is what you are saying about the topic—it is new information, what you want to tell your reader.

In English the topic usually comes at the beginning of the sentence and the comment at the end. The decision about which part of the sentence to make the topic and which part to make the comment depends on the information that needs to be communicated. This depends on the sentences that come before.

There are two basic choices in organising information texts:

i. The comment of one sentence becomes the topic of the next sentence.

Example

In the first place, emphasis on practical courses is demanded by our ever-developing society. As society has entered the information age and commercialization is sweeping across the world, computer and business courses are geared to the social demand. Conversely, if a student has little knowledge of computer or business, he will lag behind the times.

emphasis (on practical courses) → society

society → (computer and business) courses

(computer and business) knowledge → lag behind

ii. The topic of one sentence is the same as the topic of the next sentence.

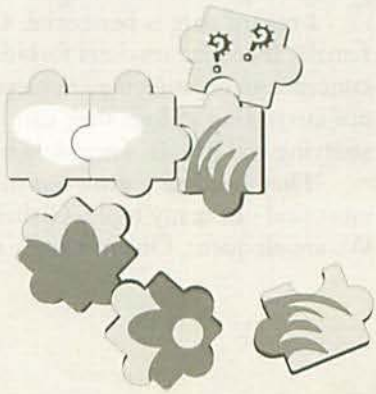
Example

By contrast, it seems that traditional courses are out of date. They are either too theoretical or too academic, so they can not be directly applied to the task of real life.

traditional courses → out of date

they → theoretical or academic

they → can not be applied



A mixture of the two is also possible.

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EXERCISE 3

Look at the two paragraphs below. The sentences are in wrong order. Please rearrange them.

Paragraph 1

(a)This has made our lives more comfortable and convenient. (b) Nowadays, there is a growing tendency for people to work harder than before to earn more money for buying more things. (c) I disagree with them because in my opinion, the loss of some traditional values and customs is not necessarily a bad thing. (d) But some experts point out it is a pity that many traditional values and customs have been lost as our living standard improves.

Paragraph 2

(a) But now, we all know this is a natural phenomenon, and even we are able to predict them. (b) For example, in ancient times, people thought that thunder and lightning were the anger of God, who wanted to punish human beings. (c) Firstly, some traditions are harmful, and hamper the progress of society.

EXERCISE 4

The following passage is a student's homework. Please discuss with your partner and edit it.

Discuss advantages and disadvantages of dating in college.

A lot of college teachers forbid falling in love to students. But some college students regard that forbidding love is not benefic. Because college students have rebel characteristic. During the young of age. So forbidding love is useless.

I regard date is beneficial. College students is young. They are long for communicate with female. If college teachers forbid. The college students are anxious the thing. bring press, so they concentrate on studying. Achievement will get down. But if college students date freedom, they are interesting in live, they can feel to full shine in life. He and his girlfriend help each other at studying and live. It' s not only help each other, but also promote their relation.

They become a grow-up man through date. Because we usually talk with girlfriend. So we must find out many topic. Girlfriend are satisfied with me. She could regard. We are clever man. We are eloquent. One of people said, People will not be mature without losting love.

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Unit 17 Culture

Warm up

Read the following passage and discuss with your class:

- In what way is it good?
- What are its shortcomings?

Why are people not prepared to give up cars?

With the development of economic, more and more people own a car themselves and drive to working, traveling and etc; it causes a major problem in most cities, that is traffic jam. But people don't plan to give up driving their cars instead of walking or other ways to working places.

Firstly, the cities are built to such a larger town that it is a long distance between the working place and home, and always the bus is so crowd that it is difficult for most of them to catch it and arrive at the working place on time.

Secondly, the price of the car dramatic declined and after hard working, many people can afford a small car which is not so expensive. So more and more cars appear in the streets. And more and more traffic jams happen on the road. Also, for these reasons, people don't prepared to change their ways to working. So that's a big problem.

However, anything can be improved and resolved if you make efforts on it. For instance, take the following steps to have a try. First of all, make a humanity environment job for citizens, just like offering free buses, give the job near their houses and anything else; for another, improving the traffic lines and developing new ways of travel. In other words, give more choices to people, so they can make a decision which is better for all of us.

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Unit focus: writing a complete essay

I. Complex sentences – sentence combining

A complex sentence is basically a number of simple sentences linked together using appropriate words and structures. In an IELTS exam you need to demonstrate that you can successfully control complex sentence structures.

EXERCISE 1

Combine all the sentences below into one effective paragraph.

Mike prefers billiards to basketball.
Billiards seems more interesting to Mike.
Mike feels billiards is a gentleman's sport.
Billiards is more structured than basketball.
Billiards requires athletes to use more skill than aggression when playing.
Mike respects billiards players the most because of this.

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EXERCISE 2

Combine each group of sentences below into one effective sentence, and then put them into a paragraph.

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland.
It is the second largest city of Scotland.

Edinburgh was once known as an industrial centre.
It was the home of several manufacturers.
They made firearms, typewriters, bicycles, and even cars.

Today, though, several insurance companies make Edinburgh their home.
ADD, the Travellers, the Edinburgh, and ESC are in Edinburgh.
Their home offices are within miles of one another.

Manufacturers once took advantage of Edinburgh's access to the railway.
They also enjoyed Edinburgh's well-educated workforce.

Eventually, cheap labour in the southern cities lured manufacturing away from Edinburgh.
Large empty factories were all that was left of Edinburgh's industrial past.

Some of these factories have been torn down.
Some of them have been converted to artists' studios.

Today, great wealth abounds in Edinburgh.
The wealth is centred in the insurance industry.
However, few manufacturing jobs are still available.

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II. Write a complete essay

The entire process of writing an essay is as follows: analysing the question, brainstorming, organising your ideas (essay), and writing up.

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EXERCISE 3

The following passage is incomplete. Complete the writing according to the requirements.

Recent survey shows traditional languages and culture are disappearing little by little in some areas, especially in developing countries. What do you think are the reasons for the phenomenon of losing languages and culture?

Please write the introduction: (1)_____

_____

_____

Please write the topic sentence: (2) _____

_____. Modern technology and convenient transportations have swept away the old national boundaries and shortened the physical distance among people as well as the distance between cultures, and made this world smaller. But we cannot say that it is creating a single world culture.

Another reason is that English language is being learned widely by people from almost every corner of the world. Since English becomes a dominant language, a large number of indigenous languages are on the verge of extinction, which poses potential risks to the cultural diversity. (3)_____

_____.

Last but not the least reason is the result brought about by economic globalization. Worldwide economic cooperation and international trade are taking place around the globe. This economic globalization has lead to a global culture. To illustrate, (4)_____

_____

_____.

Please write the conclusion: (5) _____

_____

_____.

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Unit 18

Law

Warm up

Discuss with your partner:

- Have you ever been robbed before?
- If you saw a thief stealing money from someone, would you tell that person?
- What do you think can be done to reduce the rate of this kind of crime?

Unit focus: editing your work

After you have finished an essay it is important to take some time to proof-read what you have written. There are two kinds of editing: content/structure level editing and sentence level editing.

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I. When you edit for content/structure make sure that:

- your thesis statement is clear. If you can improve it by changing it, do so.
- your topic sentences are strong. (The reader should be able to understand your essay by simply reading your thesis statement and the topic sentences of your paragraphs.)
- your paragraphs should be about the same length. You should not have one paragraph that is much longer or much shorter than the others.
- you use transitional sentences wherever possible, especially between paragraphs. This will make your essay much easier to read.
- your supporting sentences actually support your topic sentences and don't introduce a different subject. Remember: one topic per paragraph.

II. When you perform sentence level editing you will check individual sentences and pay special attention to:

- subject-verb-agreement and tense consistency. Do subject and verb match? Are tenses used correctly and consistently throughout the essay? These are the two main mistakes of EFL writers.
- sentence length. The shorter your sentences are the less likely you are to make a mistake. Avoid long sentences, and try to use no more than twenty words in every sentence.
- sentence structure. It is important to use a mix of simple, compound, and complex sentences.

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EXERCISE 1

Try to write an essay plan according to the Sample Answer.

The issue of environmental protection is becoming too big and far-reaching for individuals and any single nation to handle; therefore, the issue can only be addressed from an international or global perspective. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion.

Sample Answer

Nowadays, our planet is suffering worldwide environmental pollution, which is badly undermining the environment people live in. In my opinion, environment protection is becoming such an urgent and big problem that only international cooperation could recover. However, single effort must be considered.

An international cooperation could save a lot of money and time and achieve a better outcome. Different country has different kind of pollution. Government of course has to pay more money on research and then try to find the most efficient way to solve the pollution or at least to reduce the negative impacts. With the international cooperation and communication, other countries can share the statistics and experience which could make maximum function, avoiding unnecessary waste. In addition, the developing countries encountering financial problem are not able to afford the high costs of environmental protection. Without international aid, the local environment would continue be eroded, which could undermine the global environment in the long run.

At the same time, a single nation or any individual can also exert good or bad influence on the environment. Local people's subjective attitude toward environmental protection is considered the critical factor—if they don't take active actions and continue to do harm to the environment (deforesting, contaminating water supplies, and so on), the positive impact from the international aid would be limited. And a powerful example is the Greenpeace International. Its major financial supporters are individuals, and each member in the organization is always trying their best to protect our environment and our future. All of its supporters no mater in what kind of ways are contributing to environmental protection.

To conclusion, I believe that the planet we are living on is suffering serious pollution which may lead to a disaster in the future. Only global perspective and personal efforts are going hand in hand, can environmental protection reach the maximum function.

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EXERCISE 2

Now it's time for you to write a complete essay within the time limit. Good Luck!

Some countries have already abolished capital punishment, but there is an argument that it is essential to keep the crime rate under control. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the idea?

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Unit 1 Campus

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the following sentences. Add some words to them to change them into sentences that describe objects.

Example:

I have a hat. →
I have a red and soft hat that is made of wool.

1. I am sitting on a chair.

_____

2. There is a picture on the wall.

_____

3. My friend bought a car.

_____

4. I like the garden.

_____

5. He bought his daughter a dress for her birthday.

_____

6. The bus is here.

_____

7. Their bedroom is full of flowers.

_____

8. His sister wears a skirt.

_____

EXERCISE 2

The words in the sentences below are in wrong order. Please rearrange them.

Example:

wall is the a there clock round on white →
There is a round clock on the white wall.

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1. room table in heavy the very dining above the is

_____

2. build we're to a new nearby going school the station

_____

3. below this 50 city meters is sea level

_____

4. university very a our large clean has and library

_____

5. metals copper are and silver both

_____

EXERCISE 3

Read the following paragraph. How is it organised? Underline the words that signal spatial relationship.

The picture shows the swimming pool of a hotel in tropics, which is close to the ocean, on a sunny day. The swimming pool is in the center of the picture surrounded by sun chairs in the foreground and background. Tourists are relaxing in the chairs as well as swimming in the pool. On the right and the left of the pool tall palm trees provide shade, and on the left side a roof covers what might very well be a bar. Palm trees also stand on the far side of the pool where the ocean begins. The sky is clear and blue, and only a few fluffy clouds can be seen.

EXERCISE 4

Now describe the following picture in no less than 80 words and no more than 100 words. What is it of? Who is in it? What can we see in the background? Remember to organise your paragraph in spatial order.

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Unit 2 Food and Drink

EXERCISE 1

The words in the sentences below are in wrong order. Please rearrange them.

Example:

wall is the a there clock round on white →
There is a round clock on the white wall.

1. left before us she wine she each poured a of glass of

_____

2. you yet have dinner had (?)

_____

3. meat man's one is man's another poison

_____

4. meal I've three been busy that days I square so had haven't a in

_____

5. a you like would glass dinner cocktail of before (?)

_____

EXERCISE 2

Read the following paragraph. Choose the best word(s) to fill in the blanks.

_____(When, Before, At the same time, As) the ambitious young man tried to tell his colleagues that an asteroid was going to destroy Earth _____ (three days ago, the following year, for a year), he was kicked out of his association by those who refused to believe him. _____ (With, After, As) he walked out of the building, he saw that his most valuable asset, his car, had been stolen. With his aspiration crushed even further he walked home to assemble what was left of his life. But the day was not over yet. _____ (As, Because, However) he turned the corner to his home he _____ (had seen, began to see, was seen) the ash in the air. _____ (Before, Until, When) he looked up he saw that his house _____ (had been burned, is burning, had being burned) down. He was numb. Luckily the neighbours came over, assisting him to a nearby home to rest. However, _____ (earlier, before, when) the assessor came in to tell him that he didn't have fire insurance, the young man went white. _____ (Two days ago,

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The next morning, Ten years later) the neighbors found he was dead. The association promptly forgot him _____ (after, before, until) 10 months later when the whole world saw with their own eyes then an asteroid was heading straight for earth.

EXERCISE 3

Translate the following sentences into English.

1. 我们真是幸运，刚到家就下雨了。(before)

2. 他在上课时睡着了，老师很生气。(during)

3. 在驾驶公共汽车前，司机必须通过专门的测试。(before)

4. 当明星搭乘的飞机抵达时，一部分歌迷等在航站楼里面，而另一部分则等在大厅外面。(when)

5. 简在写信，而此时汤姆在看电视。(meanwhile)

6. 三天前我遇见了我的中学老师。

7. 我毕业之后想到英国去留学。

8. 老师告诉我们在接下来的两个月中我们应该更加努力。

9. 我在电话里告诉妈妈我很想她。与此同时，妈妈也说了同样的话。

10. 他开车冲向机场，希望能见到她。但很不幸，当他到达时，飞机已经起飞了。

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Unit 3 Health

EXERCISE 1

Choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.

1. I wanted to go to Toronto, but _____.
   a) I went
   b) I had no money
   c) I had money

2. Mary visited Calgary, and _____.
   a) she spent ten days there
   b) she didn't
   c) she had two weeks for vacation

3. You must tell the truth, or _____.
   a) you tell it
   b) you will be punished
   c) the truth is that she likes you

4. Neither Spiderman _____.
   a) or Batman is going to the party
   b) nor Batman is going to the party
   c) and Batman is going to the party

5. It is raining outside, so _____.
   a) the football match continues
   b) they play happily
   c) the football match was stopped

EXERCISE 2

Combine the following sentences into compound ones.

1. Jane got up early. She was able to catch the first train.

_____

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2. Tom likes AC Milan. His brother likes Inter-Milan.

_____

3. Many birds are killed. Their nests and food are destroyed by humans.

_____

4. Sam always eats too much. He is becoming fatter and fatter.

_____

5. You have taken much exercise. You will become healthier.

_____

6. Kate hopes to pass the exam. She fails in the end.

_____

7. We got up early. We didn't catch the first bus.

_____

8. He had driven all night. He was tired.

_____

9. The exams are over. I can relax.

_____

10. It was raining heavily. He went on working in the field.

_____

EXERCISE 3

Take a look at the following sentences. Are they right or wrong? Find out the wrong ones and correct them.

1. He doesn't like this subject so he still gets a high score.
2. The student spends 14 hours watching TV each week, but spends only 6 hours with his family.
3. I criticized him, not because I hate him but because I love him.
4. Some people think children should learn to compete so others think that children should be taught to cooperate.
5. Although it was so cold, but he went out without an overcoat.
6. Some students are not grateful to their motherland because their country invests a lot in their education.
7. Though they may not succeed, they will still try.
8. John didn't attend the meeting even he was ill.
9. We do not have enough money. Otherwise we cannot afford to buy the new car.
10. We'll go early, therefore we may not get a seat.

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Unit 4 Social Communication

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the table below. It shows the number of road accidents in Britain in different places as well as the ages of the injured persons. Complete the following sentences which describe some of the facts in the table.

When/Where accidents occurred	2-4 Age	5-7 Age	8-10 Age	11-13 Age	14-16	Total
Going to school	2	12	8	2	1	25
Going home from school	2	17	10	3	2	34
Playing in the street	98	81	28	5	2	214
Cycling in the street	1	10	25	8	1	45
Shopping for their parents	5	32	12	2	1	52
Total	108	152	83	20	7	370

1. By far most accidents occurred _____.
2. Twenty-five of the children who were involved in an accident while cycling in the street _____.
3. Only _____ aged 14-16 got into an accident while shopping for their parents.
4. Children _____ are most likely to be involved in road accidents.
5. Generally, _____ occurred while going to school.

EXERCISE 2

Translate the following sentences into English.

1. 中国以全世界 1/7 的土地养活了全球 1/4 的人口。

_____

2. 世界上超过 80% 的财富掌握在不到 20% 的富人手中。

_____

3. 欧洲的人口在 1995 年是 7.28 亿。

_____

4. 2003 年 3 月底，全国国有企业下岗职工为 400 万人。

_____

5. 在我国大多数城市的中小学校里女教师远远多于男教师。

_____

6. 2004 年广东在危险环境下工作的人超过 600 万。但仅有一部分参加了体检，占总人数的 48% 左右。

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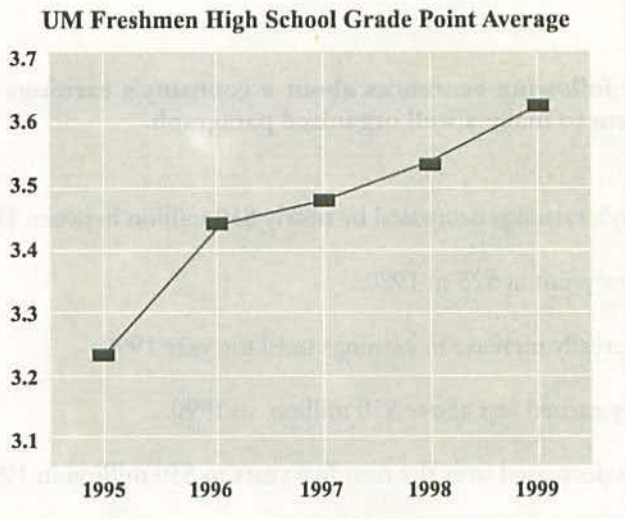
Unit 5 Traveling

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the following graphs. Try to describe the trends in them.

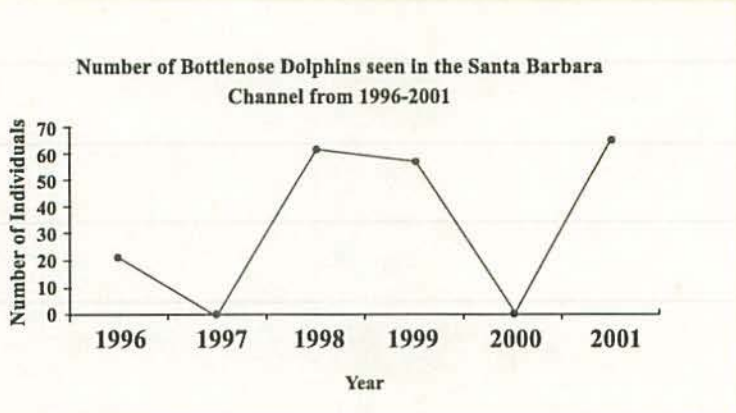
Graph 1



1. There was a _____ in the high school GPA of UM freshmen from 1995 to 1996.
2. During the period from 1996 to 1999 _____

_____

Graph 2



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1. The number of _____ from 1996 to 1997.
2. After that, it _____, which was followed by a(n) _____.
3. The year 2000 saw _____.
4. However, the situation changed in 2001 when _____.

EXERCISE 2

Read carefully the following sentences about a company's earnings from 1970 to 2004. Please combine them to make a well organised paragraph.

1. The company's earnings decreased by nearly $50 million between 1970 and 1980.
2. They hit a low point at $25 in 1980.
3. There was a steady increase in earnings until the year 1990.
4. The company earned just above $50 million in 1990.
5. The earnings decreased over the next five years to $50 million in 1995.
6. Over the next nine years the earnings rose.
7. The earnings first rose slowly.
8. The earnings then rose dramatically.
9. They exceeded $100 million in 2004.

_____

_____

_____

_____

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EXERCISE 3

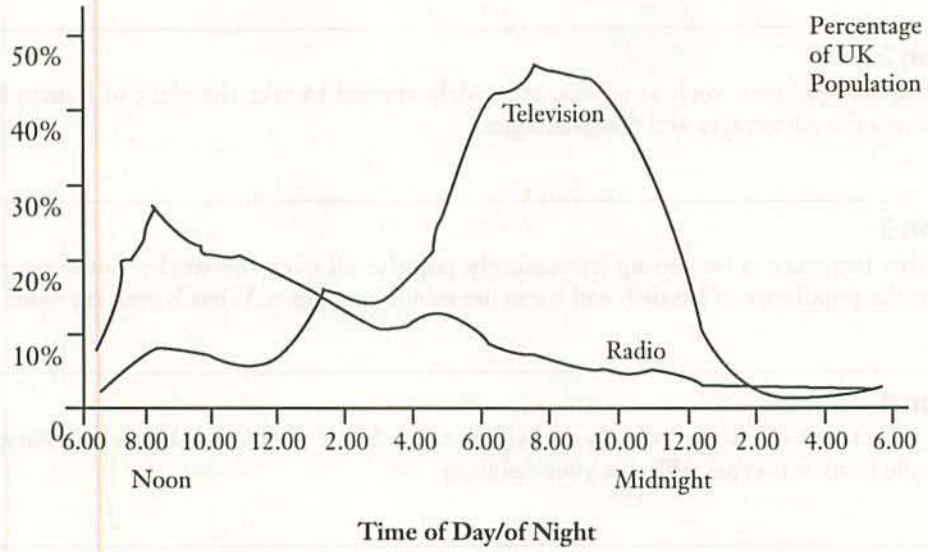
Take the following mock test within 20 minutes.

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

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

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

Write at least 150 words.



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Unit 6 Events

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the following questions. Do you understand them? Try to translate them into Chinese.

Question 1

Nowadays, there is an increasing trend that people go abroad to study or work for a period of time. What do you think are the possible reasons? What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying / working abroad for a period of time?

Question 2

Intelligent machines, such as robots, are widely applied to take the place of human beings. Please discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

Question 3

English language is becoming increasingly popular all over the world. Some people are afraid that the popularity of English will harm the minor languages. What is your opinion?

Question 4

Many scientists use living animals in their research. Some people think it is necessary, while other people think it is cruel. What is your opinion?

EXERCISE 2

Brainstorm for the questions above, and fill in For / Against lists.

Question 1

For	Against

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Question 2

For	Against

Question 3

For	Against

Question 4

For	Against

EXERCISE 3

Write your essay plan based on the For/Against lists above.

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Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

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Unit 7 People

EXERCISE 1

Translate the following sentences into English.

1. 有的人认为对孩子的教育完全是学校的责任，但我不这么看。

_____

2. 我承认旅游业的飞速发展对当地经济起到了一定的促进作用，但随之而来的环境恶化也是不能够忽视的。

_____

3. 我坚持认为贫穷家庭长大的孩子会更早地学会承担责任。

_____

4. 说核能源十分危险不能使用是完全没有道理的。

_____

5. 众所周知，大城市的交通拥挤是由很多原因造成的，私家车过多就是其中之一。

_____

EXERCISE 2

Take a look at the following sentences. Can you develop each of them into a paragraph?

One of the main benefits of nuclear power is that it doesn't use natural resources such as coal, gas and oil.

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Dealing with nuclear waste is a big problem.

The health of people and other forms of life that live near power stations is also a major concern.

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EXERCISE 3

The sentences in Exercise 2 are in response to this question:

Nuclear power is far too dangerous. Therefore, countries should ban its use and concentrate instead on developing alternative sources of energy such as hydroelectric power, wind power and solar energy.

Please write an introduction and a conclusion to the question.

Introduction:

Conclusion:

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Unit 8 Society

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows personal savings as a percentage of personal income for selected countries in 1965, 1975 and 1985.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Personal savings as a percentage of personal income			
	1965	1975	1985
Canada	5.6	11.5	1.9
Australia	18.7	12.5	13.6
Germany	13.8	13.8	11.8
Italy	29.5	17.6	11.4
Spain	17.6	12.1	13.6
UK	9.2	8.2	11.1
USA	8.2	5.5	4.0

EXERCISE 1

Read the task carefully. Do you understand what it is about? Highlight key words and identify the main trends.

EXERCISE 2

Write your answer. Use the gapped sample answer as a guide.

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Introduction What does the table show? For how many countries?	The table shows the _____ of personal income devoted to _____ in seven countries in 1965, 1975 and 1985.
Description Which countries show the greatest change?	The _____ dramatic changes are _____ in Italy, Spain, Australia and Canada.
For 1965, which country has the highest rate of saving? (from highest to lowest)	In 1965 Italy _____ the highest savings rate of 29.5%, _____ by Australia _____18.7% and then Spain with 17.6%. Canada had the_____ — 5.6%.
For 1975? (from highest to lowest)	By 1975 Italy was _____ the leading country, though _____ savings rate had dropped _____ 17.6%. Germany was next _____ 13.8% (same _____ 1965) and the _____in Australia and Spain _____ close behind. In Canada, _____ savings rate had almost _____ to 11.5%. The UK _____ the USA had the _____ rates, 8.2% and 5.5% _____ .
For 1985? (from highest to lowest)	_____ 1985 the savings rates _____ leveled out considerably across _____ seven countries. Australia and _____ led with 13.6%, followed _____ Germany, Italy and the _____ at around 11%. Personal _____ in North America dropped _____, with the USA at _____ and Canada at a _____ low 1.9%.
Conclusion What is the importance of these statistics?	The overall _____ shows a reduction _____ savings over this 30 _____ period.

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EXERCISE 3

Use these 5 expressions to complete the following sentences about five countries, A to E.

in last place, followed by, leading, next, close behind

A is the _____ country, _____B. C is _____, with D _____.

_____is E.

EXERCISE 4

Which expressions in the sample answer have the same meaning?

Expression	Sample answer expression
most significant	
variations	
stabilized	
fell dramatically	

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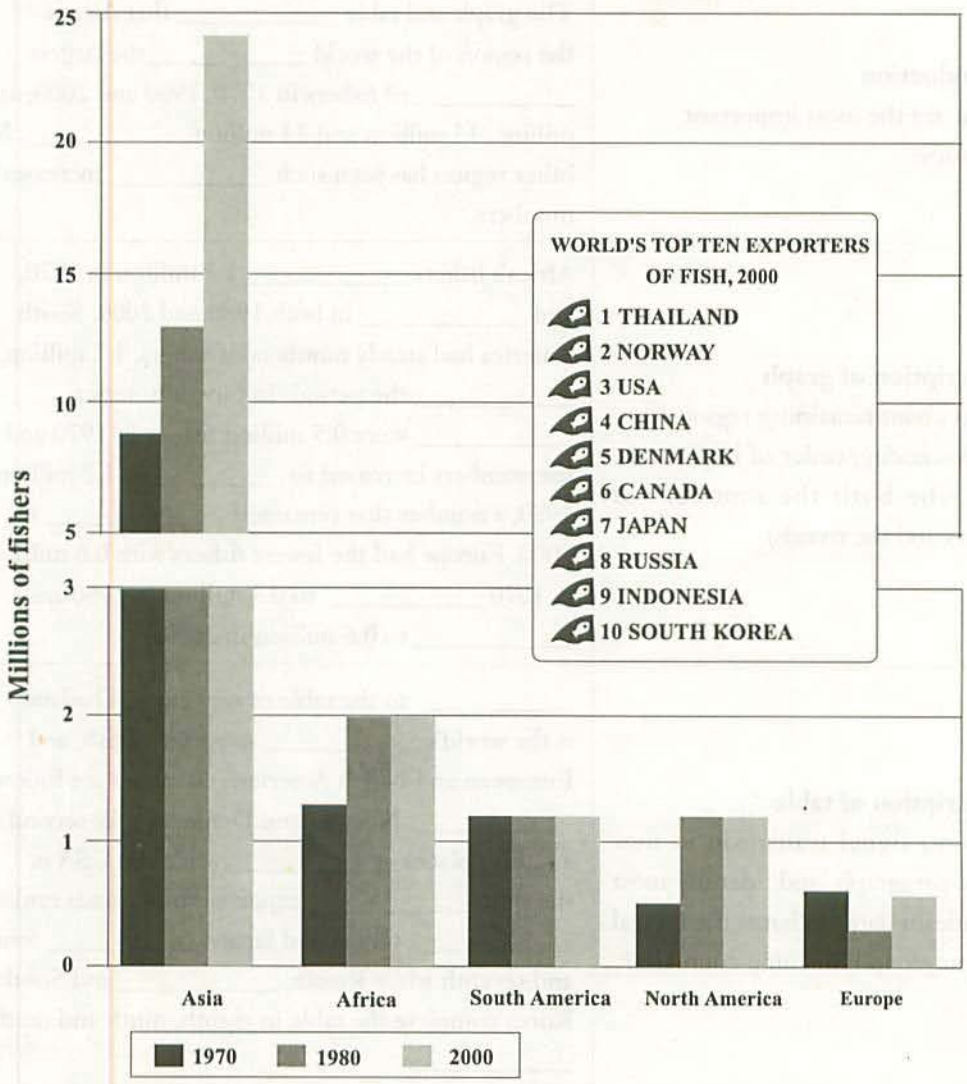
Unit 9 Learning Style

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph and table show the number of fishers in millions for different regions between 1970, 1980 and 2000, and the world's top ten exporters of fish in 2000.

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

Write at least 150 words.



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EXERCISE 1

Read the task carefully. Do you understand what it is about? Please highlight key words and identify the main trends.

EXERCISE 2

Write your answer. Use the gapped sample answer as a guide.

Introduction What are the most important statistics?	The graph and table _____ that Asia is the region of the world _____the largest _____ of fishers in 1970, 1980 and 2000, at 9 million, 13 million and 24 million _____. No other region has seen such _____ increases in numbers.
Description of graph What about remaining regions? (in descending order of importance describe both the numbers of fishers and the trends)	Africa's fishers _____ 1.3 million in 1970, and _____ in both 1980 and 2000. South America had steady numbers of fishers, 1.2 million, _____ the period. In North America _____ were 0.5 million fishers in 1970 and the numbers increased to _____ 1.2 million in 1980, a number that remained _____ in 2000. Europe had the fewest fishers with 0.6 million in 1970 _____ to 0.3 million in 1980 and _____ to 0.6 million in 2000.
Description of table How to signal transition to new topic/paragraph and identify most significant data? What is the logical way to group remaining countries?	_____ to the table of exporters, Thailand is the world's _____ exporter of fish, and European and North American countries are following _____. Norway and Denmark take second and fifth places _____, while the USA is the third _____ exporter and Canada ranks _____. China and Japan _____ fourth and seventh while Russia, _____ and South Korea complete the table in eighth, ninth and tenth _____.

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Conclusion How to explain this trend?	To _____, there are more fishers in Asia _____ in the rest of the world combined.

EXERCISE 3

Choose a synonym to match each expression from the sample answer.

In the sample answer	Synonym indicate
dramatic	
remained unchanged	
contracting	
prominent	
summarise	
suggest	

EXERCISE 4

Match the country from the table with the appropriate expression.

the second largest, the biggest, in fifth position the third largest, the lowest ranked, in fourth spot

Denmark _____
Thailand _____
USA _____
South Korea _____
Norway _____
China _____

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EXERCISE 5

What preposition goes with each expression in the sample answer?

1. dramatic increase_____ numbers ...
2. increasing _____ about 1.2 million ...
3. returning _____ 0.6 million ...
4. turning_____ the table of exporters ...
5. _____eighth, ninth and tenth spots.
6. _____ summarise ...

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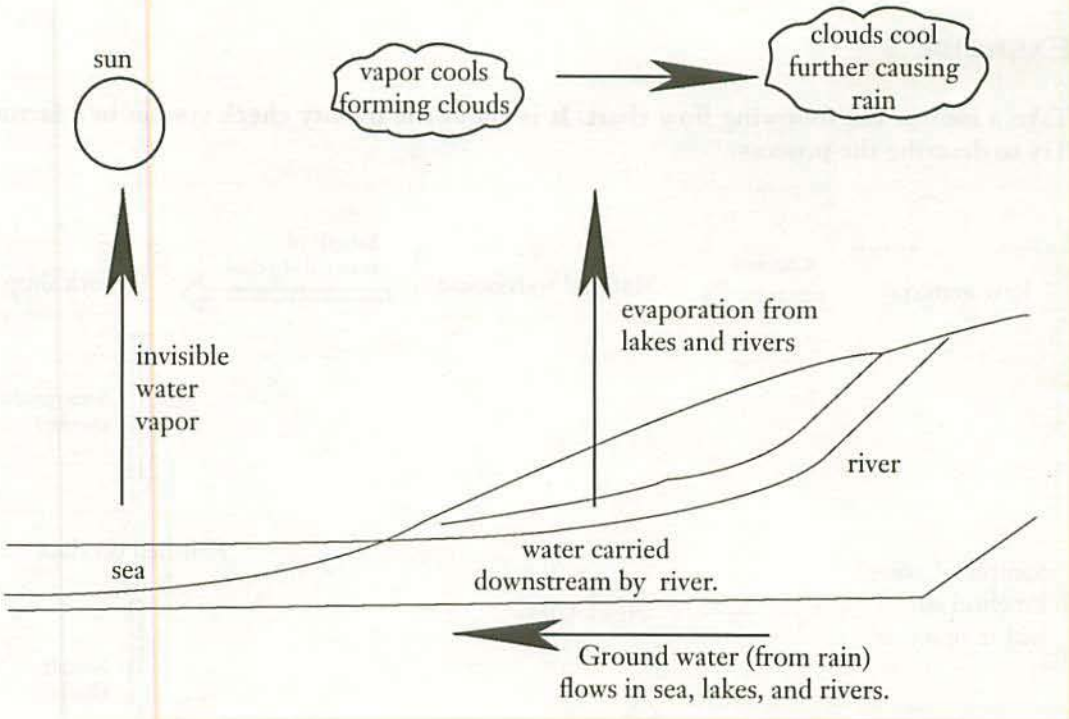
Unit 10 Plan Your Career

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.
The diagrams below show how the water cycle works.
Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information presented.
Write at least 150 words.



EXERCISE 1

Read the task carefully. Do you understand what it is about? Please highlight key words.

EXERCISE 2

Below you will find a short report that describes the process in the diagram. However, the sentences have been mixed up. Rearrange them so that they are in the correct order.

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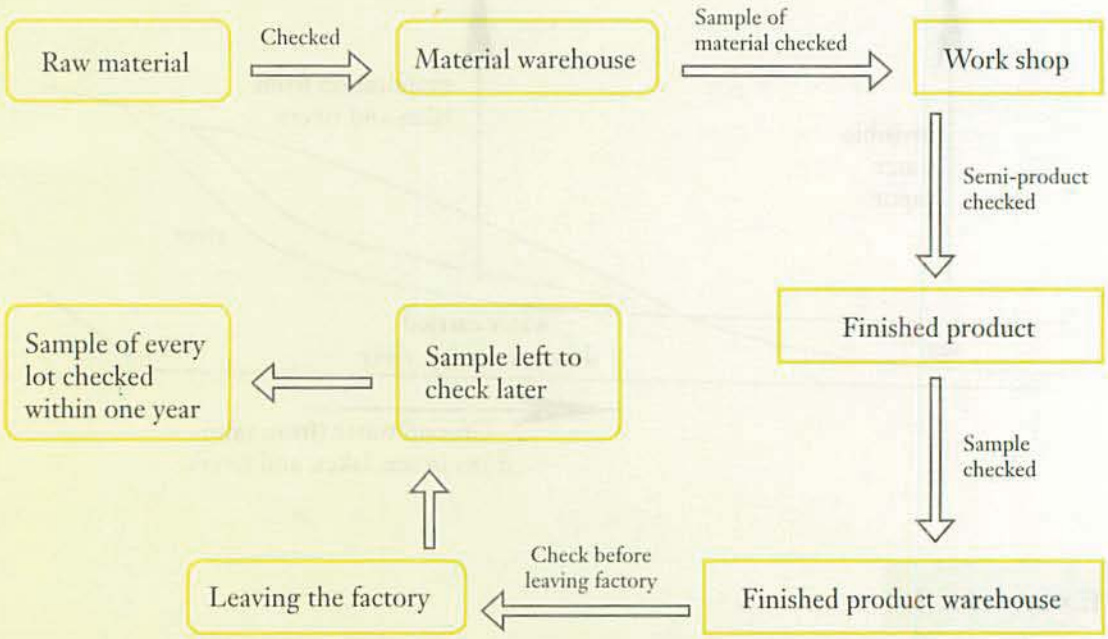
1. The rain joins bodies of water such as rivers and lakes, and it also sinks into the ground.
2. Then, after the clouds cool further, rain begins to fall.
3. The diagram describes how the water cycle works.
4. Finally, the ground water eventually joins the sea, just like the water from lakes and rivers, which has carried the rainwater downstream.
5. When the air cools down at a higher altitude clouds form.
6. The cycle begins when the heat of the sun causes evaporation and invisible water vapor rises from the sea, lakes, and rivers into the air.

The correct order: _____

EXERCISE 3

Take a look at the following flow chart. It is about the quality check system in a factory. Try to describe the process.



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_____

_____

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Unit 11 Education

EXERCISE 1

Take a look at the following questions. Write essay plans (extended ones) for them.

1. Big and wealthy nations spend millions of dollars on developing space technology. However, some people insist that it is a waste of financial resources. Instead, government should invest the money in health, education and housing.

2. Many young people in Eastern countries are influenced by Western cultures. Some people are afraid that this may lead to a loss of traditional values.

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3. With the influence of globalisation, nowadays some people are allowed to live wherever they wish. As a result, visas should be banned to enable people to live in whichever country without difficulty.

4. If a country is to become economically powerful, the government should invest more in research and development of computer technology, and less money in national defense.

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Unit 12 Environment

EXERCISE 1

Look at your essay plans and write a thesis statement for each question.

1. Big and wealthy nations spend millions of dollars on developing space technology. However, some people insist that it is a waste of financial resources. Instead, government should invest the money in health, education and housing.

   Thesis statement

   _____

2. Many young people in Eastern countries are influenced by Western cultures. Some people are afraid that this may lead to a loss of traditional values.

   Thesis statement

   _____

3. With the influence of globalization, nowadays some people are allowed to live wherever they wish. As a result, visas should be banned to enable people to live in whichever country without difficulty.

   Thesis statement

   _____

4. If a country is to become economically powerful, the government should invest more in research and development of computer technology, and less money in national defense.

   Thesis statement

   _____

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EXERCISE 2

Complete the following passage by adding an introduction and a conclusion.

In the modern world, schools are becoming unnecessary for children, as they can study at home with the help of computer. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Admittedly, today many children acquire knowledge with the assistance of computer, but the cold machine will never replace a teacher, a real human being ...

In addition, children need to go to school to learn how to communicate with each other ... Computer assisted study may be considered as supplementary to school education, but ...

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Unit 13 History

EXERCISE 1

Complete the following topic sentences.

Water is one of the most important elements for human being's survival. With the growing of the world's population, the need for water is increasing at the same time. Therefore, it is extremely important to analyse the main purposes we use water for to make sure that everyone has enough water. The use of water can be divided into four main categories.

The first use of water is _____.

_____ is another major way that water is used.

The third main category of water use is _____.

Perhaps the most important way that we use water is _____.

In conclusion, it is obvious that in the future, all of us will need to think carefully about the ways in which we use water; otherwise we will face a world with little water.

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EXERCISE 2

Choose the correct words or phrases to replace the underlined parts. If two or more answers seem to be correct, choose the most appropriate one.

1. Water is one of the <u>most important</u> elements for human being's survival.
   (essential, great, serious)

2. <u>Because of</u> the excessive use of plastic bags, so-called "white pollution" is becoming <u>more and more</u> serious.
   (in order to, due to, thanks to)
   (more or less, increasing, increasingly more)

3. Staying at home or office, people can <u>buy things</u> that they used to buy in shops.
   (take, purchase, get)
   (matters, products, materials)

4. <u>Though</u> it has many <u>advantages</u>, it also has disadvantages.
   (Because, Although, Therefore)
   (adventures, positive effects, negative effects)

5. It also <u>has great influence on</u> the economy.
   (has a great impression on, effects, exerts a great influence on)

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Unit 14 Media

EXERCISE 1

Read the following paragraphs and underline words and phrases that specify explaining.

With regard to marriage, my parents had greater freedom than my grandparents. By this I mean that my parents were able to fall in love before marrying while my grandparents had to find love after their marriage was arranged.

Motivation is the most important factor in a child's educational development. This is to say that if a child is not motivated to learn he will not reach his full potential.

Investing money in space travel and space technology might render long-term results, but in the short-term more immediate and inadequately funded areas such as health-care and edu cation will suffer greatly. In other words, governments which spend billions of dollars on space technology are taking away money from issues that are of great concern to their citizens.

EXERCISE 2

Read the following paragraphs and underline words and phrases that specify examples. Underline the topic sentence.

A healthy heart is influenced by various factors. For instance, when people get angry, the heartbeat increases and the chance of clogging the arteries increases as well. Medical experts such as heart specialists warn against too much drinking of alcohol like beer or whisky. In this instance, however, not all experts agree. To be specific, some doctors say that moderate drinking, such as one or two beers a day, can be a good influence on the heart. Daily exercise like playing tennis exemplifies one influence that most experts agree is positive for maintaining a healthy heart.

Sometimes it is necessary to change our habits. Saving energy is one illustration. If we can save more energy, such as water and electricity, we can help keep the natural environment safe. Saving water, for example, helps preserve our rivers and reservoirs. If we usually take 10-minute showers, in this case we should try to take shorter showers. When we go out, we should remember to shut off appliances like television and computer. Turning off the lights is another example of saving electricity. In short, remembering to improve the environment, such as by saving energy, is one of our most important responsibilities.

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EXERCISE 3

Write one or more sentences that give examples for the following general statements.

1. People can study many science courses in university.

2. There are many ways to prevent heart disease.

3. The sources of noise can be found everywhere in the city.

4. There are many problems caused by dumping waste in the ocean.

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Unit 15 Business

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the blanks with comparison and contrast conjunctions.

are	quite	different	like	yet	although	both

1. _____ Chinese business people usually have some command of English, it is often tenuous at best, especially in conversation.
2. _____ the Chinese, Americans usually prefer to do business in their native language.
3. _____ American and Chinese business people tend to have little experience in dealing with people from other countries.
4. Chinese and American communication patterns _____. The American style is direct, and values discussion. The Chinese style is vague and emphasises nonverbal cues and subtle nuances.
5. Americans consider charisma and motivational ability crucial. _____ Chinese people often feel that American-style "strong leadership" is insensitive and dictatorial.

similarly	in comparison with	in contrast	this is in contrast to
tend to have radically different			

6. American companies tend to be financially oriented, and value individual leadership and autonomy. _____, Chinese companies tend to take a more intuitive approach to management.
7. In American companies individuals make decisions in their realm of authority or expertise, and the company clearly defines who can make which decisions about what. _____ Chinese companies where decision-making is a group process, with large number of people involved in each decision.
8. Many Chinese are uncomfortable interacting with foreigners, and frequently hold negative stereotypes about Americans in particular. _____, Americans often hold negative views about the Chinese, and often seem convinced that the American way is the best.
9. _____ the American free market for labour, the Chinese tradition of lifetime employment leads to vastly different career patterns.
10. Americans and Chinese people _____ assumptions about basic features of the employment relationship such as compensation, performance evaluation, the pace of advancement, and when it is appropriate to change jobs.

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EXERCISE 2

Based on what you have learnt from Exercise 1, judge if the following statements are correct or not.

1. Chinese business people usually have some command of English, whereas it is often tenuous at best, especially in conversation.

(correct / incorrect)

2. Chinese business people usually have some command of English, whereas American business people seldom have any command of Chinese.

(correct / incorrect)

3. Both the Chinese and Americans naturally prefer to do business in their native languages.

(correct / incorrect)

4. American and Chinese business people tend to have little experience in dealing with people from other countries.

(correct / incorrect)

5. Chinese and American communication patterns differ. The American style is direct, and values discussion. The Chinese style is vague and emphasises nonverbal cues and subtle nuances.

(correct / incorrect)

6. American companies tend to be financially oriented, and value individual leadership and autonomy. In contrast, Chinese companies tend to take a more intuitive approach to management.

(correct / incorrect)

7. In American companies individuals make decisions, which is in stark contrast to Chinese companies where decision-making is a group process, with large numbers of people involved in each decision.

(correct / incorrect)

8. Many Chinese are uncomfortable interacting with foreigners and frequently hold negative stereotypes about Americans in particular. By the same token, Americans often hold negative views about the Chinese, and often seem convinced that the American way is the best.

(correct / incorrect)

9. In comparison to the American free market for labour, the Chinese tradition of lifetime employment leads to vastly different career patterns.

(correct / incorrect)

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EXERCISE 3

Combine the two parts in each group with given conjunctions to create complete sentences which make sense.

Bill Clinton was very popular with women.
He found it easy to have affairs.
(therefore)

_____

He found it easy to have affairs.
Bill Clinton's popularity
(As a result of)

_____

His many extramarital affairs
Bill Clinton's popularity
(resulted in)

_____

His popularity
Bill Clinton's extramarital affairs
(were attributable to)

_____

EXERCISE 4

Match the sentence halves together by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate choice.

1. The slump in world share prices could be attributed to _____.
2. Owing to George W Bush's lack of popularity, _____.
3. The rise in the number of bankruptcies resulted from _____.
4. The recent fall in the prices of consumer durables was responsible for _____.
5. The increased unemployment rates were due to _____.

the government decision to reduce them
the worsening economic climate frequency of land auctions
the fall in the number of seasonal vacancies
a crowd of demonstrations gathered in the adjacent street
what could be called the Bin Laden effect

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Unit 16 Science and Technology

EXERCISE 1

Look at the following sample answer written by a student whose IELTS result was 4. He misused or forgot to use some signal words. Find out and correct them.

Learning stress is increasingly heavy. (1) Student chooses some recreational method to decline their pressure. Probably they will find that some parts they are good at, (2) they want to abandon their studying to become a superstar. (3) Their parents claim that learning is student's mission. I agree with parent's opinion.

1	(A) \	(B) Therefore,	(C) Because
2	(A) \	(B) and	(C) so
3	(A) \	(B) Because	(C) However,

Learning is the best way for student. From ancient to present, people do some great things for society usually after obtaining knowledge in school. The context of most president, principal and scientist is not a superstar, however their contribution are more than superstars. (4) student should pay more attention to learn knowledge, (5) that is the true way for student. Do not waste time on another activities.

4	(A) \	(B) Whereas	(C) So
5	(A) \	(B) because	(C) thus

Only a few people can become superstars. If you are not enough confident yourself, giving up is the best way for you. There is a studio near my living place, (6) I can always see lots of people which want to become an actor or actress surrounding the editor when he need some actors or actresses. (7) There a few people are select while others are disappointment. Listen to this data, do you think you should choose your major over again?

6	(A) \	(B) and	(C) or
7	(A) \	(B) Fortunately,	(C) Sadly,

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(8) I fully agree with that student should pay more attention on their studies. Although becoming superstar is a good method to escape heavy studies, learning is a mission which society give it we must finishing it.

8	(A) \	(B) To begin with,	(C) In conclusion,

EXERCISE 2

In the following article on Nuclear Hazards, the signalling words and phrases are missing. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words or phrases.

There are three kinds of dangers related to the use of nuclear power. _____, the radioactive material must be transported from the manufactures to the power stations. _____ the power stations are solidly built, the containers used for the move of the material are not. _____, there are usually only two ways of transport available, _____ road or rail, both of which involve close contact with the general public, _____ the routes have to pass near, or even through, heavily populated areas. _____, there is the problem of nuclear waste. Nuclear power stations produce wastes whose radioactivity will remain for centuries. It is impossible to deactivate these wastes, and _____ they must be stored carefully and securely. _____ they may be buried under the ground, dropped into disused mineshafts, or sunk in the sea. _____ these methods do not diminish the radioactivity; they merely cover it with lead, _____ an earthquake could crack open the containers like nuts. _____ there is the problem of accidental exposure due to a leak or an explosion at the power station. Compared with the other two hazards, this is extremely unlikely and _____ does not provide a serious objection to the nuclear programme, _____ it can happen, as the inhabitants of Harrisburg will tell you. Separately, and during short periods, these three types of risk are no great cause for concern. Taken together, _____, and especially over much longer periods, the probability of a disaster is extremely high.

EXERCISE 3

Build a paragraph by choosing one of the three sentences in each group.

A. For instance, in the area of medicine, if we do not use animals, there is no way of knowing if the drugs are effective or not.
B. The most common argument against such experiments is that they are cruel.
C. This is understandably upsetting to many, who imagine the rabbit, mouse or frog that they had and cared for as a child having to endure such things.

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A. Cruelty suggests that the animals used in the experiments undergo some kind of pain, discomfort or deformity.
B. What's more, animals can help us to balance the nature.
C. Results and conclusions can be carried at using tissue frown from cells or, in the case of genetic experiments, using hair or blood samples, which can be gained with little or no discomfort.

A. The structure of some animals' body is similar to human beings'.
B. This is understandably upsetting to many, who imagine the rabbit, mouse or frog that they had and cared for as a child having to endure such things.
C. I find myself in complete agreement with them with regard to experiments for cosmetic purposes.

A. I find myself in complete agreement with them with regard to experiments for cosmetic purposes.
B. What's more, animals can help us to balance the nature.
C. Most experiments that are carried out on animals do not require a live animal for realistic results.

A. However, there are some medical experiments which need to be done on animals prior to being introduced for humans.
B. Results and conclusions can be carried at using tissue grown from cells or, in the case of genetic experiments, using hair or blood samples, which can be gained with little or no discomfort.
C. Scientists should take area to conduct experiments with due care and regard for the animals they are using.

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Unit 17 Culture

EXERCISE 1

Use coordination or subordination to combine the groups of simple sentences into one or more longer sentences. Omit repeated words.

Example:

Judy was a girl I worked with. She was a happy child.
Judy, a girl I worked with, was a happy child.

1. Jack dialed the police emergency number. He received a busy signal. He dropped the phone and ran. He didn't have time to call back.

_____

2. The man had gray hair and sad eyes. He doesn't live here anymore.

_____

3. The pipes had frozen. The heat had gone off. We phoned the plumber. He couldn't come for two days. He had been swamped with emergency calls.

_____

4. Gena had worn glasses for fifteen years. She decided to get contact lenses. She would be able to see better. She would look more glamorous.

_____

5. The tutor helps the boy with listening and speaking. These are the child's weakest subjects.

_____

6. Lu Ban lived many centuries ago. He built marvelous houses and palaces. People still remember them.

_____

7. The rain hit the hot pavement. Plumes of steam rose from the blacktop. Cars slowed to a crawl. The fog obscured the driver's vision.

_____

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8. Louis disliked walking home from the bus stop. The street had no overhead lights. It was lined with abandoned buildings.

_____

9. The tape recorder was not working right. I returned it to the store.

_____

EXERCISE 2

In the following paragraph, combine choppy sentences by subordinating minor ideas or by coordinating ideas of equal importance. More than one effective revision is possible.

Nowadays more and more parents expect that their children can receive higher education. They think that studying in foreign countries can bring children with advanced knowledge. The knowledge they receive will benefit their future. While others claim that because of the differences between cultures, overseas students live a difficult life. Therefore, students actually learn little.

EXERCISE 3

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

We live today in an electronic information age. It is easier to be connected by technology yet many people seem no closer to feeling happy in their lives. What's your opinion on this issue?

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

Write at least 250 words.

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Unit 18 Law

EXERCISE 1

Do you still remember the essay written by a student whose band score was 4 in IELTS test in Unit 16? Try to edit it for him.

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EXERCISE 2

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

Many people keep dogs and cats as companions. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of pet ownership for the animals involved and for the community as a whole.

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

Write at least 250 words.

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Unit 1 Campus

EXERCISE 1

1. I am sitting on a small, plastic chair next to the window.
2. There is an old, framed picture on the wall next to the door.
3. My friend just recently bought a very expensive new car.
4. I like the small but beautiful garden behind your house.
5. He bought his younger daughter a white dress made of luxurious silk for her birthday.
6. The newly painted school bus is here.
7. Their small but cozy bedroom is full of all kinds of flowers.
8. His pretty sister wears a yellow mini skirt.

EXERCISE 2

1. The table in the dining room above is very heavy.
2. We're going to build a new school nearby the station.
3. This city is 50 meters below sea level.
4. Our university has a very clean and large library.
5. Copper and silver are both metals.

EXERCISE 3

The picture shows the swimming pool of a hotel in tropics, which is close to the ocean, on a sunny day.The swimming pool is in the center of the picture surrounded by sun chairs in the foreground and background. Tourists are relaxing in the chairs as well as swimming in the pool. On the right and the left of the pool tall palm trees provide shade, and on the left side a roof covers what might very well be a bar. Palm trees also stand on the far side of the pool where the ocean begins. The sky is clear and blue, and only a few fluffy clouds can be seen.

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Unit 2 Food and Drink

EXERCISE 1

1. Before she left she poured each of us a glass of wine.
2. Have you had dinner yet?
3. One man's meat is another man's poison.
4. I've been so busy that I haven't had a square meal in three days.
5. Would you like a glass of cocktail before dinner?

EXERCISE 2

When the ambitious young man tried to tell his colleagues that an asteroid was going to destroy Earth the following year, he was kicked out of his association by those who refused to believe him. As he walked out of the building, he saw that his most valuable asset, his car, had been stolen. With his aspiration crushed even further he walked home to assemble what was left of his life. But the day was not over yet. As he turned the corner to his home he began to see the ash in the air. When he looked up he saw that his house had been burned down. He was numb. Luckily the neighbors came over, assisting him to a nearby home to rest. However, when the assessor came in to tell him that he didn't have fire insurance, the young man went white. The next morning the neighbours found he was dead. The association promptly forgot him until 10 months later when the whole world saw with their own eyes then an asteroid was heading straight for earth.

EXERCISE 3

1. We are so lucky that we had reached home before it began to rain.
2. He fell asleep during the lesson, and his teacher was very angry.
3. Before they drive bus, the drivers will have to pass a special test.
4. When the superstar's plane arrived, some of the fans were waiting inside the terminal building while others were waiting outside the hall.
5. Jane was writing a letter and meanwhile Tom was watching TV.
6. I met my high school teacher three days ago.
7. I hope to study in Britain after graduation.
8. Our teacher told us that we should work harder in the following two months.
9. I told mom I missed her so much, and mom said so at the same time.
10. He drove fast to the airport in the hope of meeting her. But unfortunately, the plane had taken off when he arrived.

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Unit 3 Health

EXERCISE 1

1.b	2.a	3.b	4.b	5.c

EXERCISE 2

1. Jane got up early so she was able to catch the first train.
2. Tom likes AC Milan, while his brother likes Inter-Milan.
3. Many birds are killed because their nests and food are destroyed by humans.
4. Sam always eats too much so he is becoming fatter and fatter.
5. You have taken much exercise so you will become healthier.
6. Kate hopes to pass the exam but she fails in the end.
7. Although we got up early, we didn't catch the first bus.
8. Because he had driven all night, he was tired.
9. As the exams are over, I can relax.
10. Though it was raining heavily, he went on working in the field.

EXERCISE 3

1. wrong. He doesn't like this subject but he still gets a high score.
2. wrong. The student spends 14 hours watching TV each week, yet spends only 6 hours with his family.
3. right.
4. wrong. Some people think children should learn to compete while others think that children should be taught to cooperate.
5. wrong. Although it was so cold, he went out without an overcoat.
6. wrong. Some students are not grateful to their motherland though their country invests a lot in their education.
7. wrong. Although they may not succeed, they will still try.
8. wrong. John didn't attend the meeting because he was ill.
9. wrong. We do not have enough money. Therefore we cannot afford to buy the new car.
10. wrong. We'll go early, otherwise we may not get a seat.

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Unit 4 Social Communication

EXERCISE 1

1. when children were playing in the street
2. were between the ages of eight and ten
3. a single child
4. between the ages of five and seven
5. the fewest number of accidents

EXERCISE 2

1. China has managed to feed one fourth of the world's population with one seventh of the world's land.
2. More than eighty percent of the world's wealth belongs to the rich who account for less than twenty percent of the world's population.
3. In 1995, the population of Europe was 728 million.
4. The number of laid-off workers in China was 4 million by the end of March, 2003.
5. There are far more female teachers than male teachers in primary and secondary schools in most Chinese cities.
6. In 2004, there were more than 6 million people working in hazardous environment, but only part of them took part in the health check, forming about 48 percent of the total.

Unit 5 Traveling

EXERCISE 1

Graph 1

1. sharp rise
2. the high school GPA of UM freshmen increased steadily from about 3.45 to a little higher than 3.6.

Graph 2

1. bottlenose dolphins seen in the Santa Barbara Channel dropped from 20 to zero
2. increased sharply to more than 60 in 1998, slight decline in 1999 to less than 60
3. a sudden decrease in the number of bottlenose dolphins seen in the Santa Barbara Channel to zero again
4. it climbed up to almost 70

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EXERCISE 2

The company's earnings decreased by nearly $50 million between 1970 and 1980, when they hit a low point at $25. There was a steady increase in earnings until the year 1990 when the company earned just above $50 million. The earnings decreased over the next five years to $50 million in 1995. Over the next nine years earnings rose, first slowly then dramatically until they exceeded $100 million in 2004.

Unit 6 Events

EXERCISE 1

Question 1
目前有越来越多的人选择出国留学或工作。你认为是什么原因促成了他们的选择？出国留学或工作各有什么利弊？

Question 2
诸如机器人等的智能机器正被广泛运用以取代人的地位，请讨论这一现象的优缺点。

Question 3
英语在全世界越来越流行。有人害怕英语的流行会使小语种濒于灭亡。你怎么看待这个问题？

Question 4
许多科学家在研究中用动物来做实验。有人认为这是必要的，但也有人认为这很残忍。你怎么看待这个问题？

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Unit 7 People

EXERCISE 1

1. Some people argue that it is the school's responsibility to educate children, but I do not agree.
2. Admittedly, the rapid growth of tourism industry has speeded up the development of local economies, but the damage to environment brought along by it should not be neglected.
3. I believe that children from poor families learn to shoulder their responsibilities earlier.
4. It is unconvincing to say that nuclear energy is far too dangerous to use.
5. It is well known that the traffic jam in big cities is caused by various reasons, and too many private cars is one of them.

EXERCISE 2

One of the main benefits of nuclear power is that it doesn't use natural resources such as coal, gas and oil. It helps to protect the environment because fuels such as coal and oil produce waste gases that pollute the atmosphere. It also ensures a reliable supply of electricity for many generations to come.

Dealing with nuclear waste is a big problem. Nuclear waste is very dangerous, and takes many years before it becomes safe. Even if it is buried, if anything happens, such as an earthquake, the damage to the environment could be very serious. Nuclear waste also has to be transported to the place where it is to be stored. If anything happens whilst it is being transported, an accident, for example, the results will be very serious.

The health of people and other forms of life that live near power stations is also a major concern. It is not unusual to hear reports that people who live close to a nuclear power station often suffer from cancer. If this is true, then maybe it harms plants and animals. This, then, will present a further danger to the health of people who eat these plants and animals.

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Unit 8 Society

EXERCISE 2

The table shows the percentage of personal income devoted to savings in seven countries in 1965, 1975 and 1985.

The most dramatic changes are those in Italy, Spain, Australia and Canada.

In 1965 Italy had the highest savings rate of 29.5%, followed by Australia with 18.7% and then Spain with 17.6%. Canada had the lowest — 5.6%.

By 1975 Italy was still the leading country, though the savings rate had dropped to 17.6%. Germany was next with 13.8% (same as 1965) and the rates in Australia and Spain were close behind. In Canada, the savings rate had almost declined to 11.5%. The UK and the USA had the lowest rates, 8.2% and 5.5% respectively.

By 1985 the savings rates had leveled out considerably across all seven countries. Australia and Spain led with 13.6%, followed by Germany, Italy and the UK at around 11%. Personal savings in North America dropped sharply, with the USA at 4.0% and Canada at a bottom low 1.9%.

The overall table shows a reduction in savings over this 30 years period.

EXERCISE 3

leading, followed by, next, close behind, In last place

EXERCISE 4

most dramatic
changes
leveled out
dropped sharply

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Unit 9 Learning Style

EXERCISE 2

The graph and table indicate that Asia is the region of the world with the largest number of fishers in 1970, 1980 and 2000, at 9 million, 13 million and 24 million respectively. No other region has seen such dramatic increases in numbers.

Africa's fishers were 1.3 million in 1970, and 2 million in both 1980 and 2000. South America had steady numbers of fishers, 1.2 million, throughout the period. In North America there were 0.5 million fishers in 1970 and the numbers increased to almost 1.2 million in 1980, a number that remained unchanged in 2000. Europe had the fewest fishers with 0.6 million in 1970 reducing to 0.3 million in 1980 and increasing to 0.6 million in 2000.

According to the table of exporters, Thailand is the world's largest exporter of fish, and European and North American countries are following behind. Norway and Denmark take second and fifth places respectively, while the USA is the third largest exporter and Canada ranks sixth. China and Japan rank fourth and seventh while Russia, Indonesia and South Korea complete the table in eighth, ninth and tenth respectively.

To conclude, there are more fishers in Asia than in the rest of the world combined.

EXERCISE 3

spectacular
stayed the same
reducing
significant
conclude
imply

EXERCISE 4

in fifth position
the biggest
the third largest
the lowest ranked
the second largest
in fourth spot

EXERCISE 5

1. in 2. to 3. to 4. to 5. in 6. to

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Unit 10 Plan Your Career

EXERCISE 2

3-6-5-2-1-4

Unit 13 History

EXERCISE 1

to generate electricity
Transporting goods
washing
cooking

EXERCISE 2

1. essential
2. due to, increasingly more
3. purchase, products
4. Although, positive effects
5. exerts a great influence on

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Unit 14 Media

EXERCISE 1

With regard to marriage, my parents had greater freedom than my grandparents. By this I mean that my parents were able to fall in love before marrying while my grandparents had to find love after their marriage was arranged.

Motivation is the most important factor in a child's educational development. This is to say that if a child is not motivated to learn he will not reach his full potential.

Investing money in space travel and space technology might render long-term results, but in the short-term more immediate and inadequately funded areas such as health-care and education will suffer greatly. In other words, governments which spend billions of dollars on space technology are taking away money from issues that are of great concern to their citizens.

EXERCISE 2

A healthy heart is influenced by various factors. For instance, when people get angry, the heartbeat increases and the chance of clogging the arteries increases as well. Medical experts such as heart specialists warn against too much drinking of alcohol like beer or whisky. In this instance, however, not all experts agree. To be specific, some doctors say that moderate drinking, such as one or two beers a day, can be a good influence on the heart. Daily exercise like playing tennis exemplifies one influence that most experts agree is positive for maintaining a healthy heart.

Sometimes it is necessary to change our habits. Saving energy is one illustration. If we can save more energy, such as water and electricity, we can help keep the natural environment safe. Saving water, for example, helps preserve our rivers and reservoirs. If we usually take 10-minute showers, in this case we should try to take shorter showers. When we go out, we should remember to shut off appliances like televisions and computers. Turning off the lights is another example of saving electricity. In short, remembering to help the environment, such as by saving energy, is one of our most important responsibilities.

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Unit 15 Business

EXERCISE 1

1. Although
2. Like
3. Both
4. are quite different
5. Yet
6. In contrast
7. This is in contrast to
8. Similarly
9. In comparison with
10. tend to have radically different

EXERCISE 2

1. incorrect	2. correct	3. incorrect	4. incorrect	5. correct
6. incorrect	7. correct	8. correct	9. incorrect	

EXERCISE 3

Bill Clinton was very popular with women. Therefore, he found it easy to have affairs.
As a result of Bill Clinton's popularity he found it easy to have affairs.
Bill Clinton's popularity resulted in his many extramarital affairs.
Bill Clinton's extramarital affairs were attributable to his popularity.

EXERCISE 4

the government decision to reduce them 4
the worsening economic climate frequency of land auctions 3
the fall in the number of seasonal vacancies 5
a crowd of demonstrations gathered in the adjacent street 2
what could be called the Bin Laden effect 1

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Unit 16 Science and Technology

EXERCISE 1

1.B 2.C 3.C 4.C 5.B 6.B 7.C 8.C

EXERCISE 2

Firstly
Although
Unfortunately
namely
since
Secondly
so
For example
However
since
Thirdly
so
but
though

EXERCISE 3

B-A-B-C-B

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Unit 17 Culture

EXERCISE 1

1. Jack dialed the police emergency number, but he received a busy signal. He dropped the phone and ran, for he didn't have time to call back.
2. The man, who had gray hair and sad eyes, doesn't live here anymore.
3. Because the pipes had frozen and the heat had gone off, we phoned the plumber, but he couldn't come for two days as he had been swamped with emergency calls.
4. After Gena had worn glasses for fifteen years, she decided to get contact lenses, so she would be able to see better and look more glamorous.
5. The tutor helps the boy with listening and speaking, which are the child's weakest subjects.
6. Lu Ban lived many centuries ago, but People still remember marvelous houses and palaces which he built.
7. When the rain hit the hot pavement, plumes of steam rose from the blacktop. Cars slowed to a crawl as the fog obscured the driver's vision.
8. Louis disliked walking home from the bus stop because the street had no overhead lights and it was lined with abandoned buildings.
9. I returned the tape recorder to the store because it was not working right.

EXERCISE 2

Nowadays more and more parents expect that their children can receive higher education and believe that studying in foreign countries can bring children with advanced knowledge, which will benefit their future. However, others claim that because of the differences between cultures, overseas students live a difficult life, so they actually learn little.

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