**Activity 1**

1. Main methods of commuting to work in New Stanford
2. Different types of commuting methods.
3. 1970 -> 2030
4. Train, Bus and Motorbike
5. The increase in the number of commuters.
6. Private car

**Activity 2**

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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| * Simple structure | * Hard to compare lines * Literally expressing the chart |
| * Show the changes in modes of transport overtime * Overall view | * Difficult for grouping * Do not show the overall trend |
| * Show the overall trend and exception * Show changes overtime | * Difficult for grouping * Must be able to notice the exception |

**Activity 3**

1. A
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. B

**Activity 4**

1. show, commute, choose, cover, use
2. choose -> choosed

are -> were

The word “use” should be changed because of its high appearance frequency in the paragraph.

1. will, is/are predicted to ..., is/are projected to ...

**Activity 5**

1. There are 3 tenses must be used in this case: past, present and future
2. The word “use” is repeated may times. Sometimes wrong tense is used.

Private cars were very popular but it won’t be the case in the year 2030. In that year, the number of car users will drop to about 10 millions, which is the same number of people who commute by buses. Train did not enjoy popularity in the beginning of the 70s, however it witnessed a sharp increase in the number of users in the period between 1970 and 1990 and maintained a gradual upward trend since then.

Motorbikes are uncommon among commuters. Although its user count is expected to continue to increase, it is likely that this number would not be able to exceed 6 million by 2030, which is just more than a half of bus users.

**Activity 6**

(1) used

(2) has risen

(3) will level off

(4) were used

(5) was

(6) use

(7) will increase

(8) accessed

(9) climbed

(10) uses

(11) accesses

(12) will escalate

**Activity 7**

The graph describes how business communications were carried out in New Stratford in the period from 1980 to 2005. Initial impression from the graph is that once popular communication methods like letter and landline phone gave their popularity to more advanced ones such as mobile phone and email.

Landline phone started the period at around 25 million communications per day and gradually reached its peak at 35 million in 1990. After that time, wired phone usage suffered from a considerable drop in the number of calls made per day to 25 million in 1995. Letter’s usage grew slightly to the top of 21 million letters per day in the year 1985 but, fast forward 10 years, it ended up steeply declining to just over 7 million letters per day.

In contrast, usage of cellphone and email just had minimal changes of less than 5 million in 3 years However, after 1995, their usage grew exponentially, overtook positions of traditional communication methods and reached their top at 33 million and 25 million respectively in 2005. Other Internet forms rose steadily from 0 in 1985 to 8 million in 2005.

**Activity 8**

The graph depicts the money gained from selling 4 types of product in 2009. Initial impression from the graph is that although all products experienced some fluctuations throughout the year, product A and C managed to have their sales increased considerably while the rest did not see much improvements.

Product A started the year with its sales worth around $7000, lowest among all products, but it reached its peak of $55000 in the end of the year and became the product with the highest sales though it encountered fluctuations from April to August. Product C entered 2009 with the second lowest sales among all at $10000, saw its sales went up and down in the second and third quarter, but in December it reached $50000 and took the second place behind the product A.

In contrast, in January product B had the highest sales worth of $50000, however, it suffered from 2 drops of total $25000 and finally settled down at $25000 in August. Product D’s sales grew gradually from January to July and leveled off at $32000. Since then, it lost momentum and dropped to its initial value at $20000.