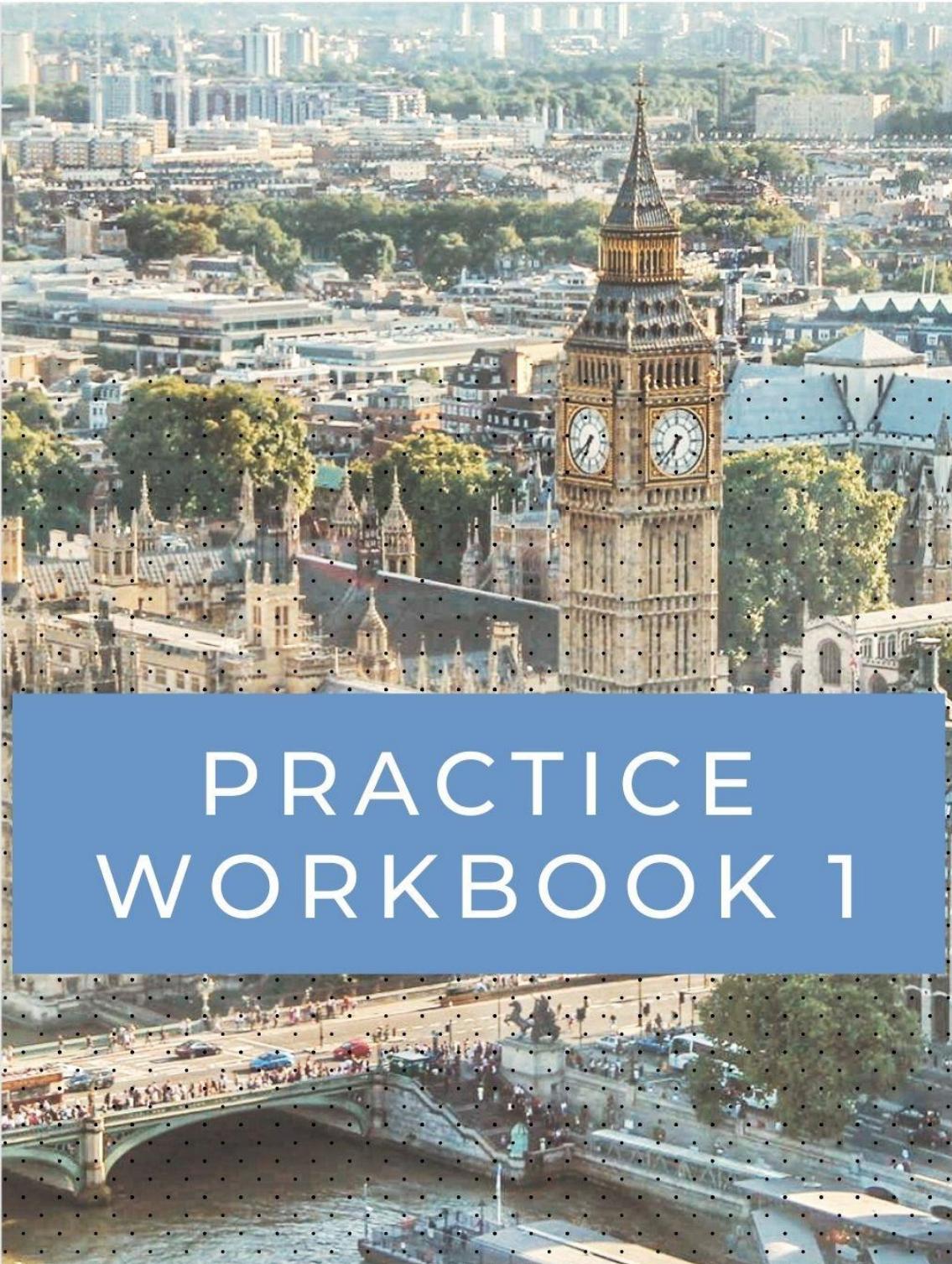


FasTrack IELTS

Academic Writing Task 1



PRACTICE
WORKBOOK 1

BEGIN WITH A PERFECT INTRODUCTION



The easiest way to write an introduction is to paraphrase the task sentence

How to paraphrase your introduction



Use precise language. Don't worry about repeating keywords

The chart(s) below

- The line chart/graph
- The bar chart/graph
- The pie charts
- The graph(s)
- The data
- The pie chart and line graph

The diagram below

- The diagram
- The illustration
- The depiction
- The image
- The flowchart

The maps below

- The maps

The table below

- The table
- The data



The chart/diagram/map/table shows

- **to show**

The bar graph shows...

- **to illustrate**

The diagram illustrates...

- **to display**

The chart displays...

- **to provide information on**

The data provide information on...

- **to give information about**

The table gives information about...

Change the form of words:

production

to produce

consumption

to consume

Add question words: which, what, how much, how...

- The bar graph illustrates **which** countries produced and consumed the most oil **in** two time periods (2010 and 2015).
- The bar graph shows **how much** oil was produced and consumed by the leading **countries** in two time periods.

Add the following words: changes, amount, level

- The bar chart displays **the amount** of oil produced and consumed by the leading **countries** in the years 2010 and 2015.
- The bar graph shows **the changes** in production and consumption of oil by ten leading **countries** between 2010 and 2015.

in 2010 and 2015

- in the years 2010 and 2015
- in two time periods (2010 and 2015)

in India and the UK

- in two countries

between 1970 and 2020

- from 1970 to 2020
- over/during a fifty-year period

in France and Germany

- in two European countries
- in two countries in Europe

 Units are measured in pounds sterling/millions. **(not required)**

Write an introduction | Charts/tables with dates

The task:

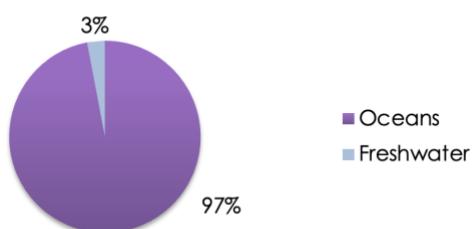
The chart below shows the number of tourists visiting Australia and Canada between 2012 and 2017...

Write an introduction | Charts/tables without dates

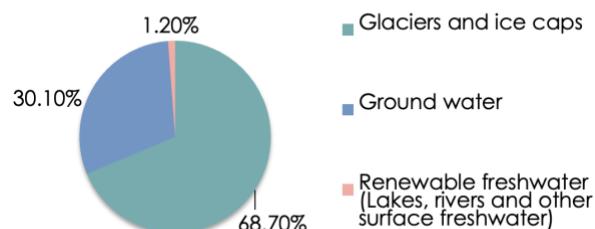
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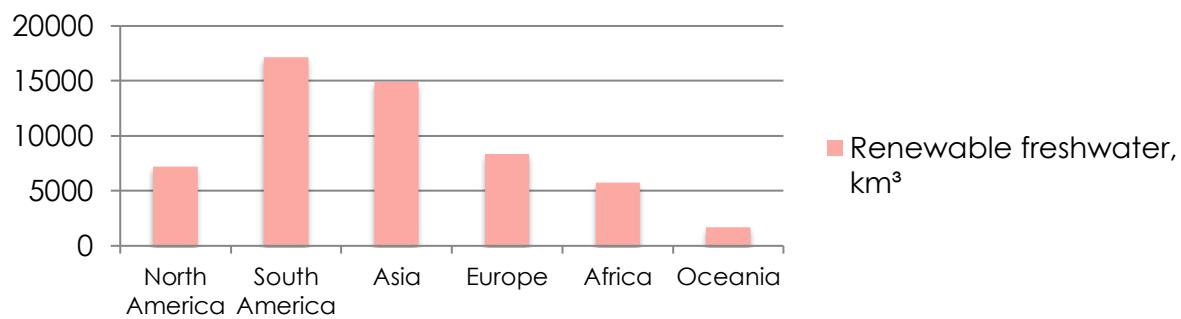
Total water resources



Freshwater supply



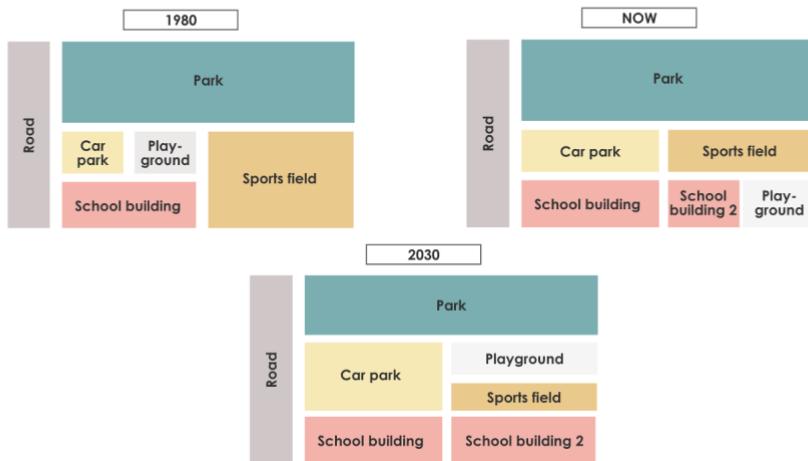
Renewable freshwater supply by continent



Write an introduction | Maps

The task:

The maps below show Newbury High School in 1980, as it is now, and the plans for its development...



Maps show changes. Add the word “change” to your introduction

Write an introduction | Diagram



Diagrams show a process, stages or how something is made/grown...

The task:

The diagram below shows the stages in the recycling of aluminium drink cans...

Write an introduction | Diagram

The task:

The diagram below shows how geothermal energy is used to produce electricity...

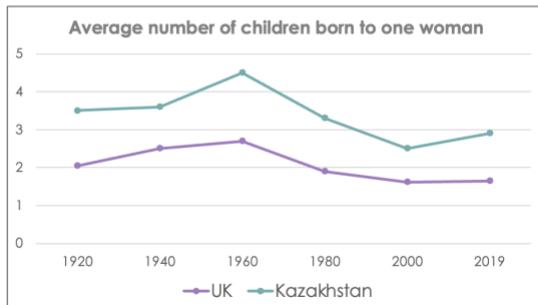
PROVIDE A STRONG OVERVIEW

Do's and don'ts of writing an overview

- 1 Provide a short summary of the task
- 2 "In short, what have you learned?" Give the big picture
- 3 Write one or two sentences
- 4 Begin with the word "overall"
- 5 Cover all the main groups of data
- 6 Describe trends
- 7 Do not give any figures *highest/lower figures*
- 8 If there are two charts, or a chart and a table, what is the link between them?
- 9 A strong overview is important for your score. Take your time to write it.

Write an overview | Charts/tables with dates

The chart and table below show the average number of children born to one woman and the average age of women when they had their first child in two countries between 1920 and 2019. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



Average age at which women have their first child

	1920	1940	1960	1980	2000	2019
UK	26.5	27.8	27.5	26.9	28.5	28.9
Kazakhstan	23.5	24.2	25.5	26	26.9	27.6

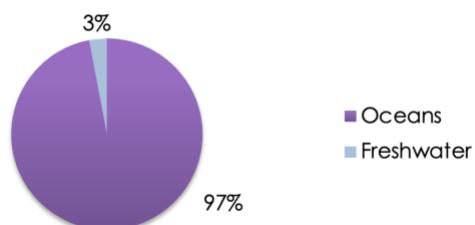
What is the link between the chart and the table?

Write an overview | Charts/tables without dates

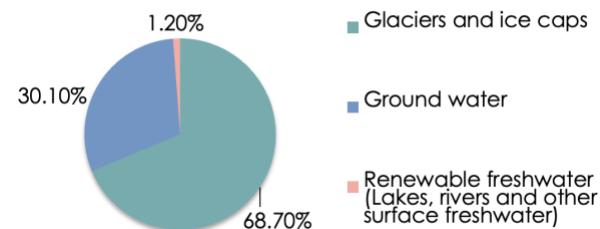
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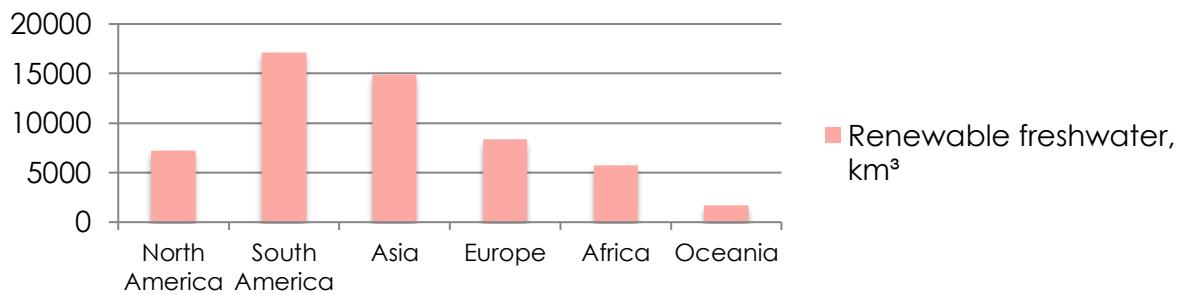
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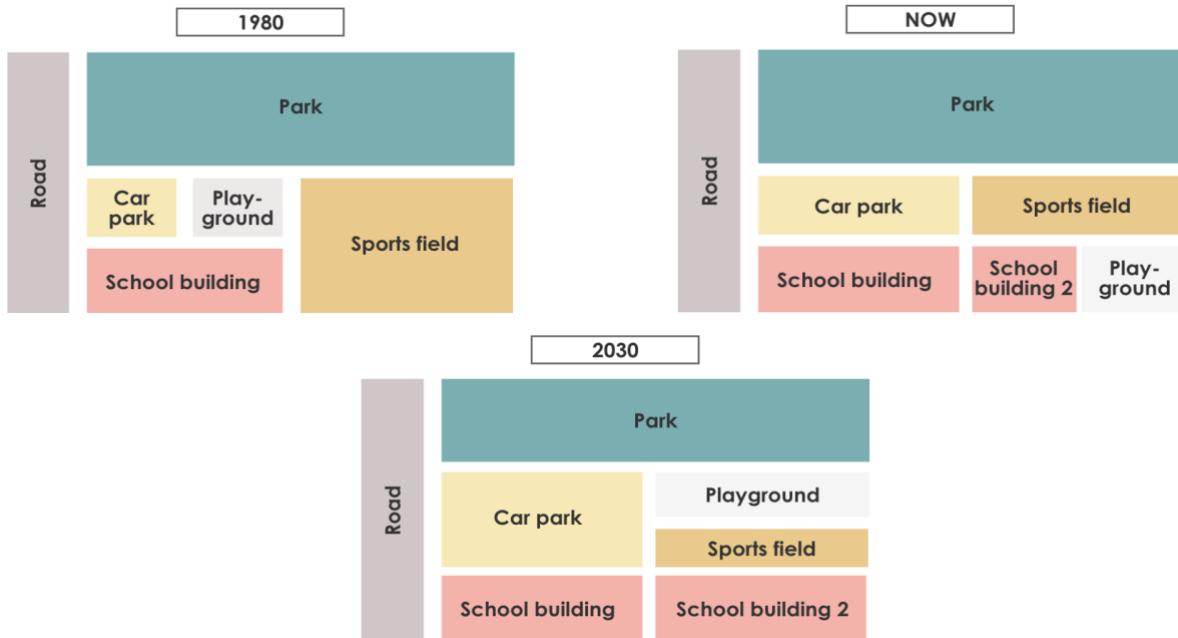
Renewable freshwater supply by continent



Write an overview | Maps

The maps below show Newbury High School in 1980, as it is now, and the plans for its development.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



Provide a summary of changes

Vocabulary:

- ... has undergone a number of changes.
- ... has been significantly improved/extended.

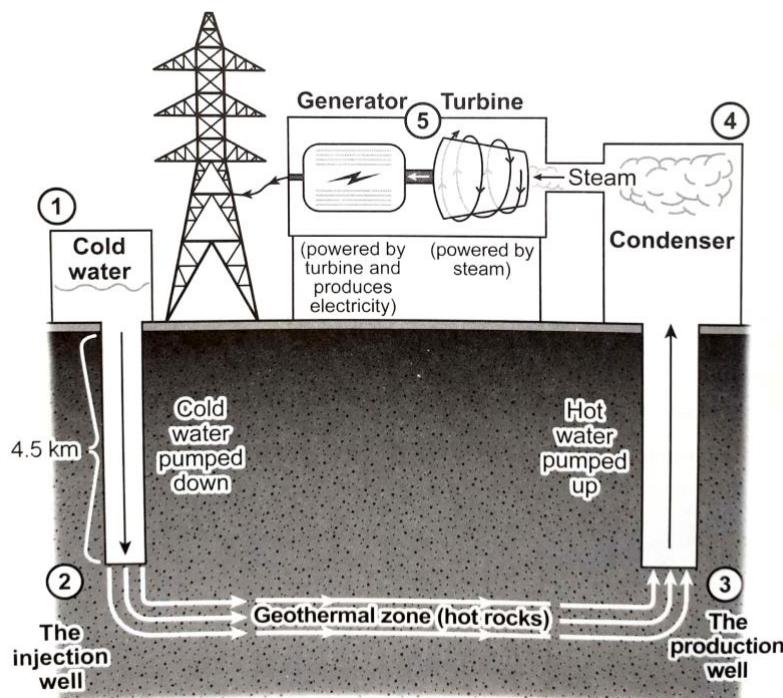
Learning/sports/recreational/business facilities have been added/improved

Write an overview | Diagram

The diagram below shows how geothermal energy is used to produce electricity.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.

Geothermal power plant



- Do not give a list of steps from the diagram
- Give an overview of the whole process, not just the first and the last steps



Can you divide all the steps into two or three stages?

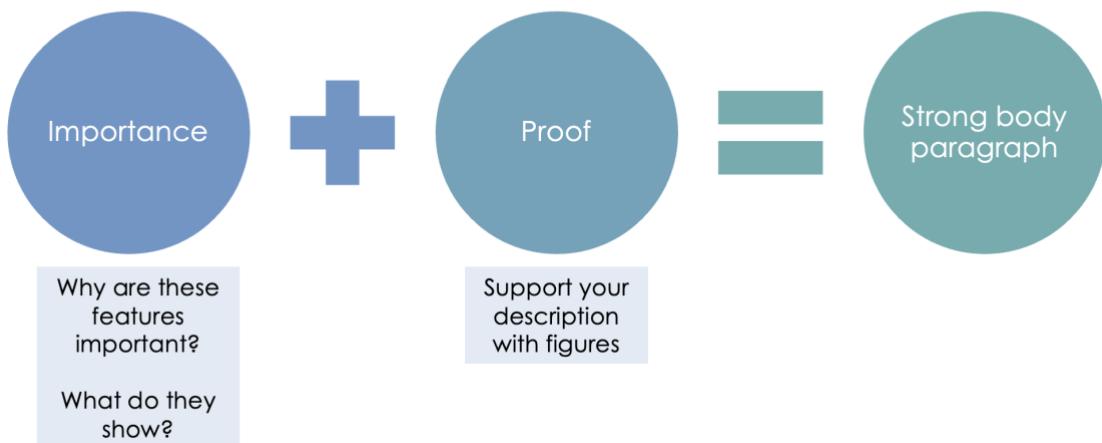


What are the main ingredients/tools used?

WRITE HIGH-SCORING BODY PARAGRAPHS



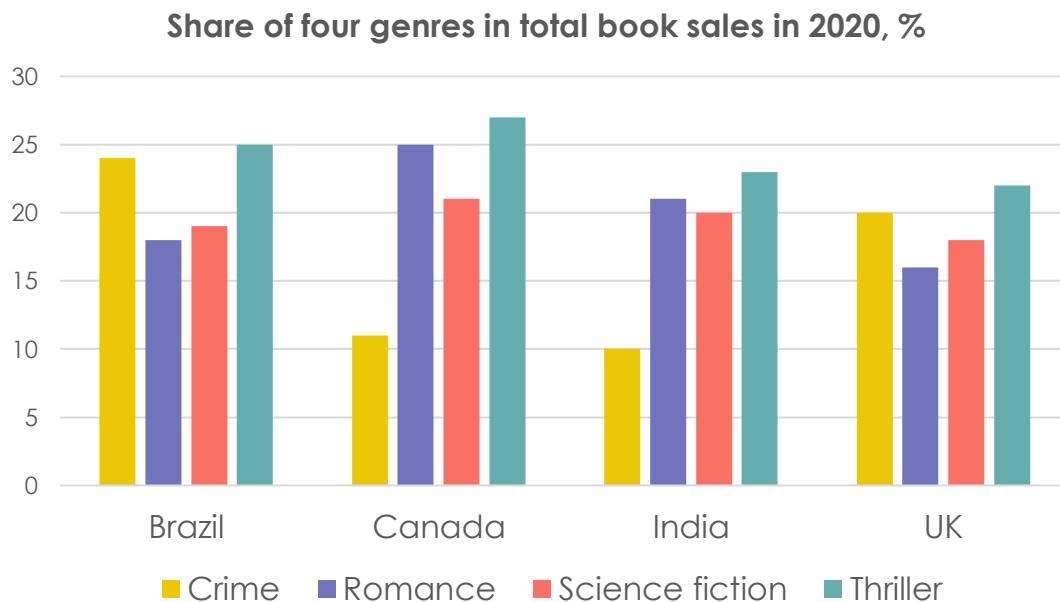
A common mistake is to report the key features without explaining their importance



Use the formula: Importance + Proof



The chart below shows the sales of four genres of books in four countries in 2020. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant. Write at least 150 words.



What was the most popular genre?

What was the second most popular genre?

Describe the remaining trends
