

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate covers all the key features of the task and rounds off the description with an overview. There is some repetition of information and some irrelevant commentary (*which is good because it shows that more people have learned other languages well*). Information is arranged coherently and there is a clear overall progression, with effective use of cohesive devices, though there is a tendency to rely on dates. The range of vocabulary is adequate for the task, but the writer does not attempt any less common items. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence forms, with a fair degree of accuracy, but the range would need to be wider to achieve a higher score.

The charts show the percentage of the British students, who are able to speak languages other than English, in 2000 and in 2010. In 2000, 20% of the British students were not able to speak another language. But in 2010 the number has decreased to 10%, which is good because it shows that more people have learned other languages well.

The biggest percentage had Spanish only with 30% in 2000. However it has increased by 5% and is in 2010 still the highest percentage with 35%.

In 2000, German only and two other languages were the lowest ones, both with 10%. While in 2010 French only, German only and two other languages show the lowest percentage, while all of them got 10%. All in all, the percentage of German only in 2000 and 2010 hasn't changed. The percentage of French only has decreased by 5%. No other languages percentage was reduced by the half: from the 20% in 2000 to 10% in 2010.

The number of people, who are speaking two other languages has increased by half: In 2000 there were 10% and in 2010 there are 15%.

Another interesting fact is that the percentage of another language has improved as well: from 15% to 20%.

But still, the most common learned language is Spanish only: In 2000 there were 30% of English students, who spoke it fluently, while in 2010 the number has increased further to 35%.