

# IELTS Writing

Task 1 Key Language  
Worksheet WK11 (WL11) Numbers

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# Task 1 Key Language: Main Paragraphs

Key Language to prepare to prepare: accuracy, naturalness, variety

1. **Numbers**
2. Percentages
3. Dates & time periods
4. Language of change
5. Location
6. Language for Location
7. Comparisons (similar or different): trends / overall – this language can also help to select the data to write about. : SEE SEPARATE WORKSHEETS

# Numbers (1)



| Numbers:   | Use:                              |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1: <b>from A to B</b> (from 6% to 8%)                                | 2 <b>specific</b> numbers         |
| 2: <b>between ... and...</b> (between 10% and 20%)                   | a <b>range</b> of numbers         |
| 3: <b>a rise of 5,000</b> (noun)<br><b>increased by 5,000</b> (verb) | <b>change</b> between 2 numbers   |
| 4: <b>only</b>   | <b>emphasis</b> on a small number |

# Numbers (2) : use the nearest “round” number



| Numbers:   | Use:   |
|--|--|
| 5: approximately   | about (can be <b>more or less</b> )                            |
| 6: (just) over /more than  | <b>higher</b> number   |
| 7: just under / nearly / fewer (c) / less than (u)   | <b>lower</b> number<br>“ <b>just</b> ” emphasises small amount |
| <b>NOTE:</b> if the number is already a ‘round’ number you cannot use this language – just state the number e.g. “50%” (if this is the exact number) not “approximately 50%” |  |



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**Note (1):** if the number is already exactly a round number (e.g. 20%) we cannot use these approximate structures (e.g. approximately 20% is wrong).

**Note (2):**

When you use percentages you MUST make clear percent of **what** – that is, **what is the total (100%)** that we are describing.

For example:

Just over 5% **of Japanese tourists** went on holiday to Australia.

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**Note (3)** : “fewer than / less” than emphasises a **SMALL** number but “nearly” emphasises a **LARGE** number (what is small or large will depend on the context)



Numbers

Quiz

How do you write..

1

6.2%

(three ways)



1

6.2%

(three ways)

just over 6%

more than 6%

approximately 6%



2

14,900,000

(three ways)



2

14,900,000

(three ways)

nearly 15 million

just under 15 million

approximately 15 million



3

15,100,000

(three ways)



3

15,100,000

(three ways)

more than 15 million

just over 15 million

approximately 15 million



4

13,100

(three ways)



4

13,100

(three ways)

just over 13 thousand

more than 13 thousand

approximately 13 thousand



5

980

(three ways)



5

980

(three ways)

nearly one thousand

just under one thousand

approximately one thousand



6

9.2%

(three ways)



6

9.2%

(three ways)

just over 9%

approximately 9%

more than 9%



7

11,100

(three ways)



7

11,100

(three ways)

approximately 11,000

just over 11,000

more than 11,000



7

63%

(three ways)



7

63%

(three ways)

approximately 60%

just over 60%

more than 60%



7



# 97 million tonnes

(three ways)

nearly 100 million tonnes

just under 100 million tonnes

approximately 100 million tonnes



End of  
Quiz

