

# IELTS Writing

Task 1 Key Language  
Worksheet WK12 (WL12) Percentages

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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

# Percentages



Percentages:	Use:
1: Sales rose <b>by</b> 24%	Comparing <b>two</b> figures.
2: 24% <b>of</b> sales were made to women. <b>Nearly 70% of</b> British people are overweight.	Important to be clear WHAT is being described – 24% of WHAT. use “of” when the percentage is part of the subject of the verb.

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There are two natural ways to describe percentages.

Single piece of data:

Q16(A)

Just over 6% of Japanese tourists visited Australia in 1993. (Subject includes the percent) (Verb is the action)

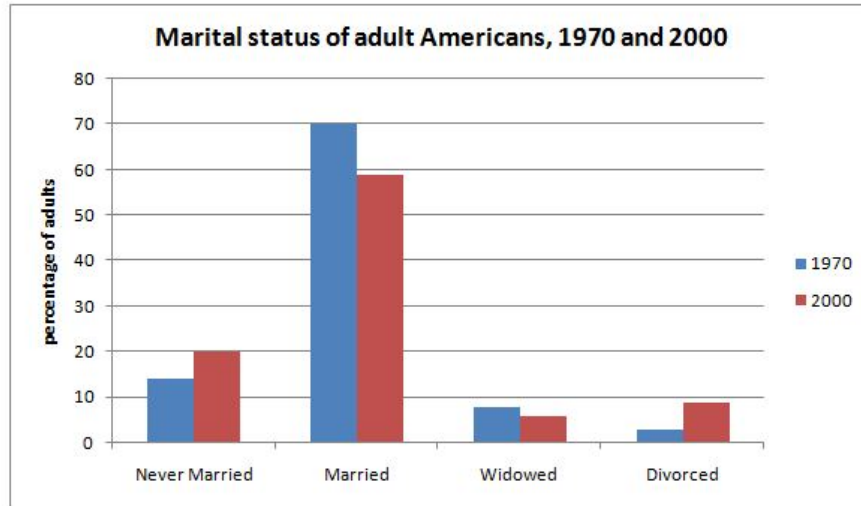
Q16(A)

Change over time:

The percentage of Japanese tourists who went to Australia increased from only 2% in 1985 to just over 6% in 1993. (Verb is the change)



# Example:

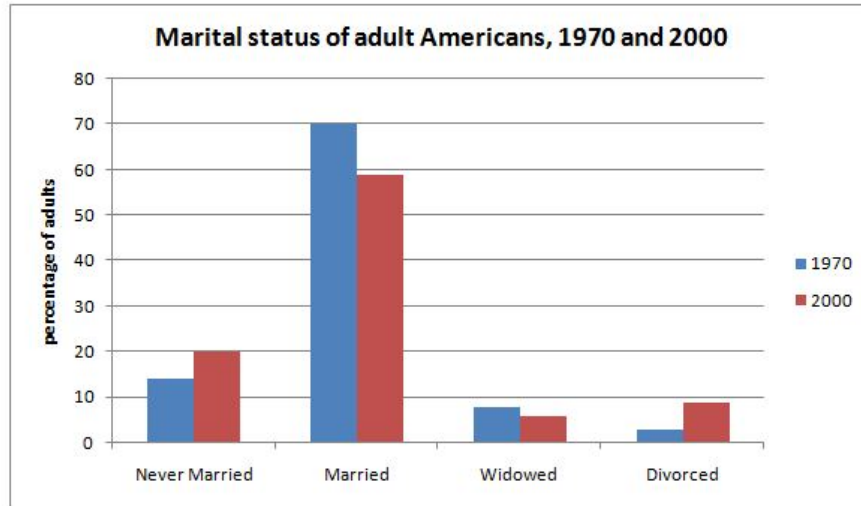


## Never married – 1970

This is difficult because of the tense of the verb – “never married” means not married up to that point – so it needs **the past perfect.**



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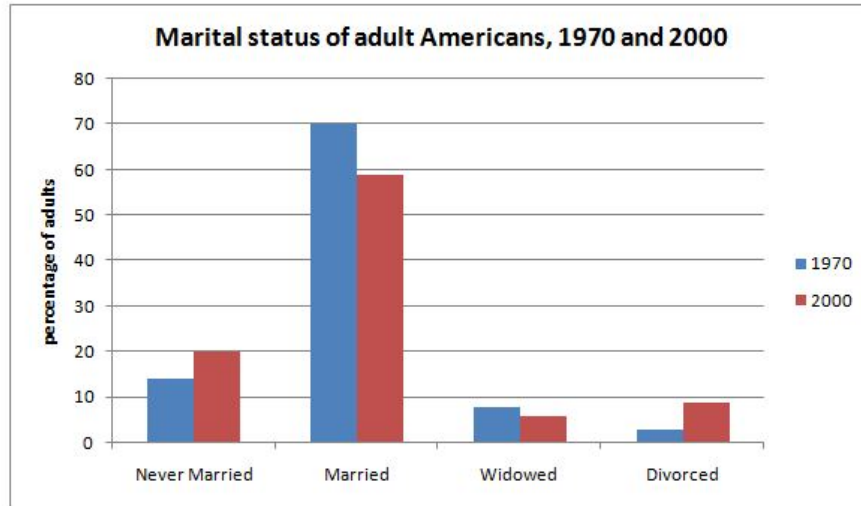
Never married – 1970

“Just under 15% of adult Americans had never been married in 1970.”

Make sure that you also use the language for numbers.



## Example 2

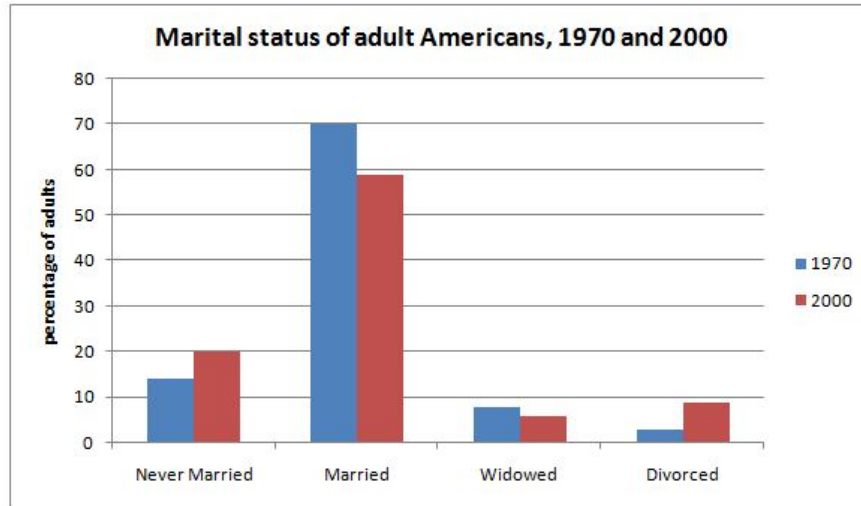


Married – 1970

This means actually married in 1970 – so the simple past tense is correct



## Example 2



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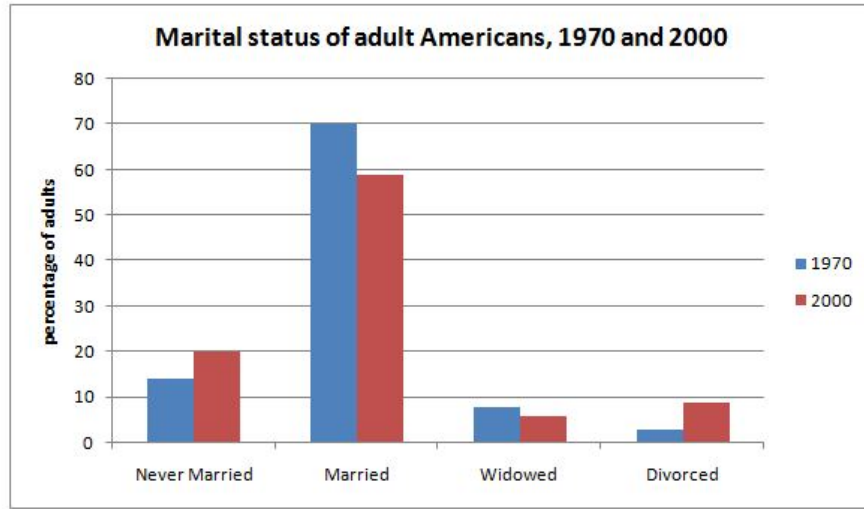
“Seventy percent **of** adult Americans were married in 1970.”



# Percentages Quiz

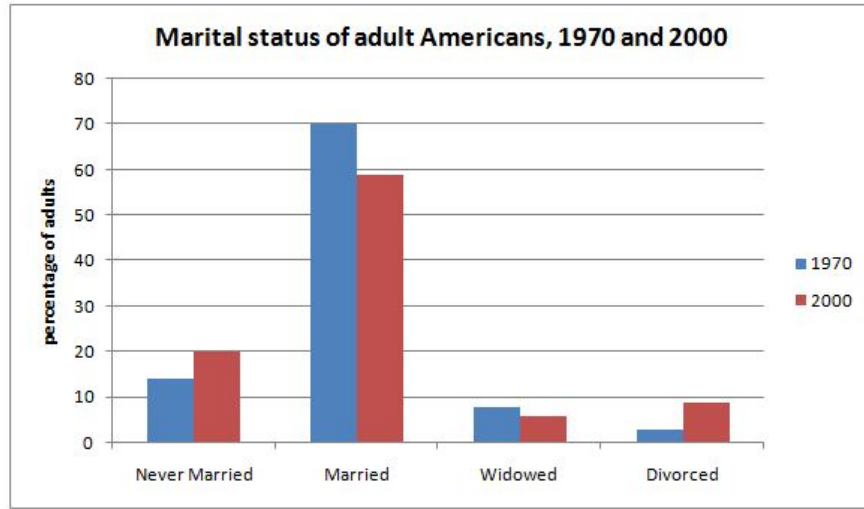
How can you write...

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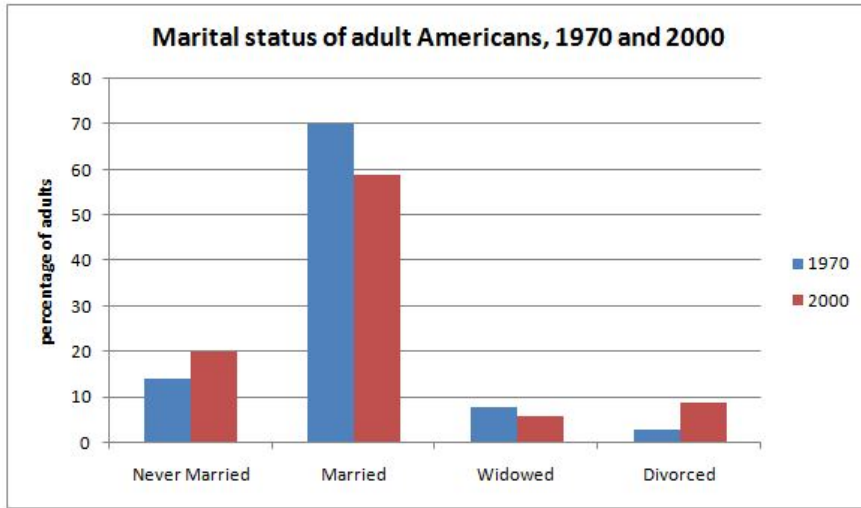
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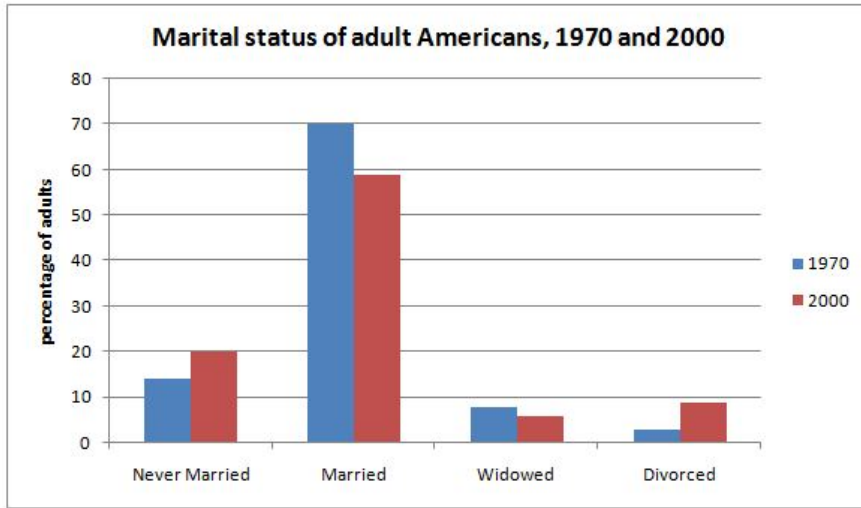
“Just under 15% of adult Americans had never been married in 1970.”

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Never married – 2000

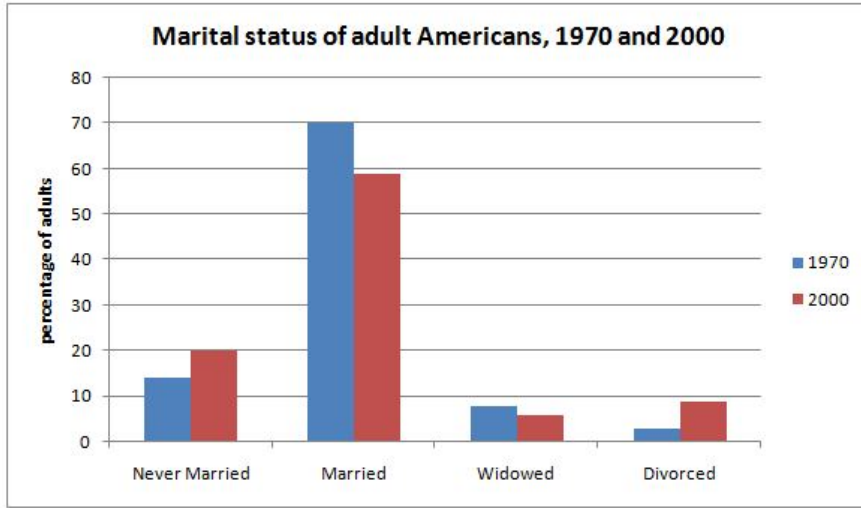
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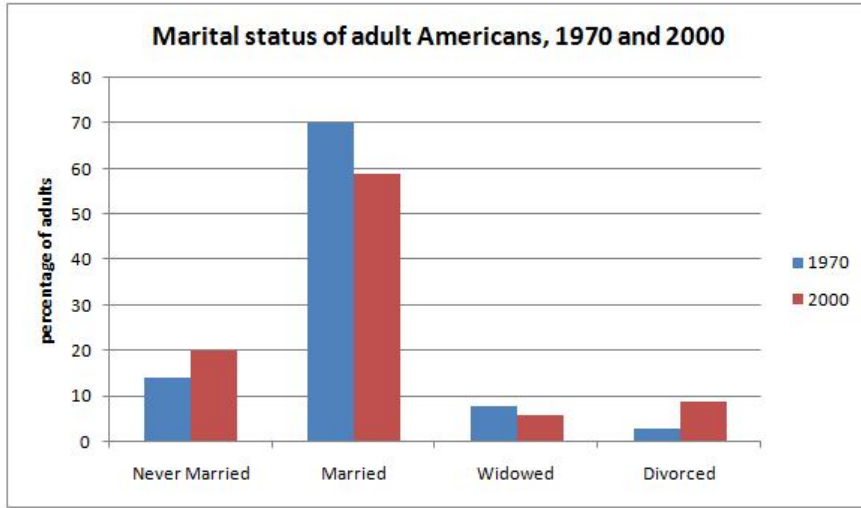
“Twenty percent of adult Americans had never been married in 2000.”

3



Married – 1970

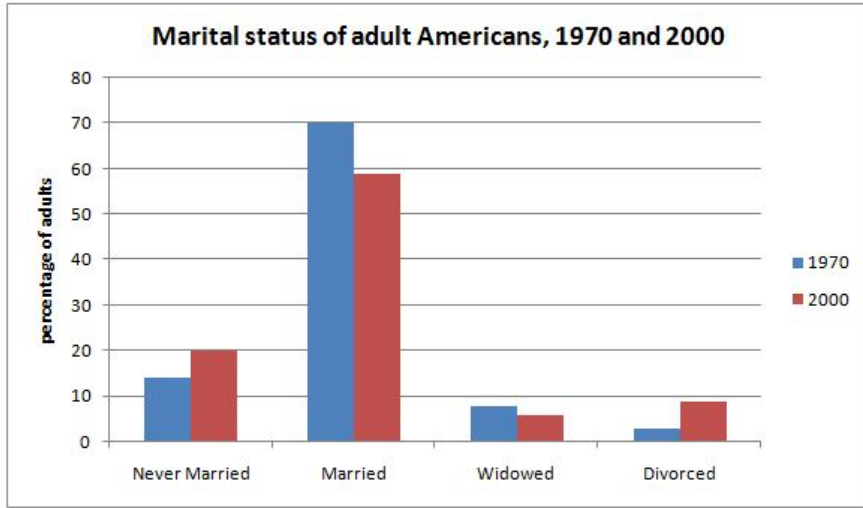
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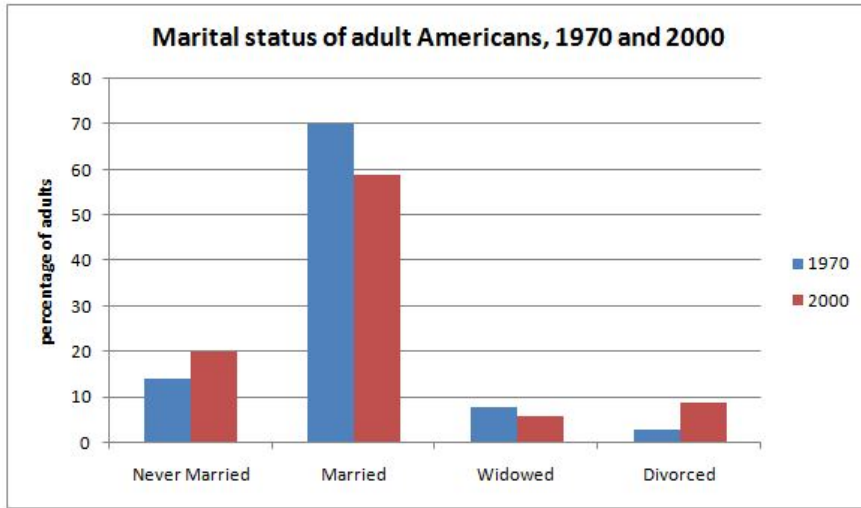
“Seventy percent of adult Americans were married in 1970.”

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Married – 2000

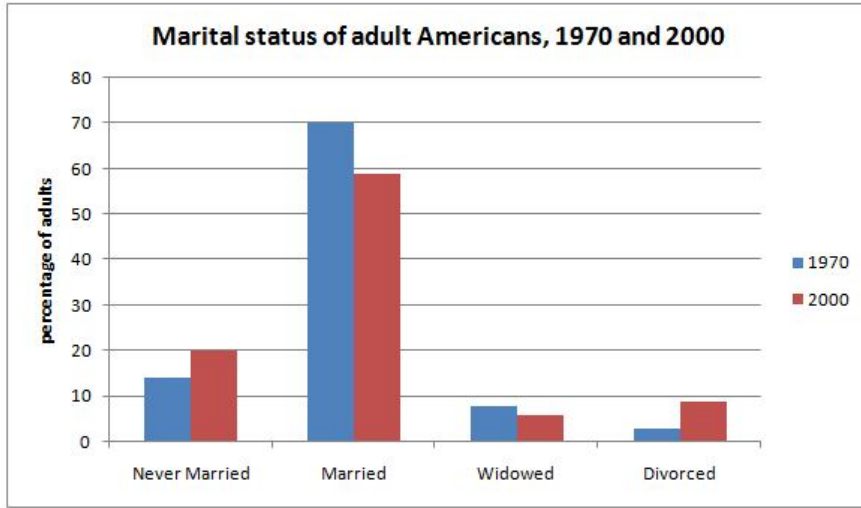
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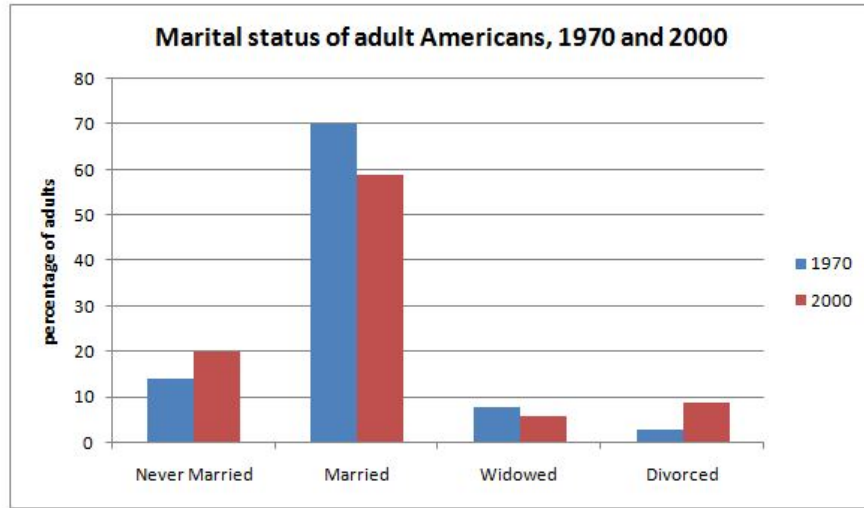
“Just under 60% of adult Americans were married in 2000.”

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Widowed – 1970

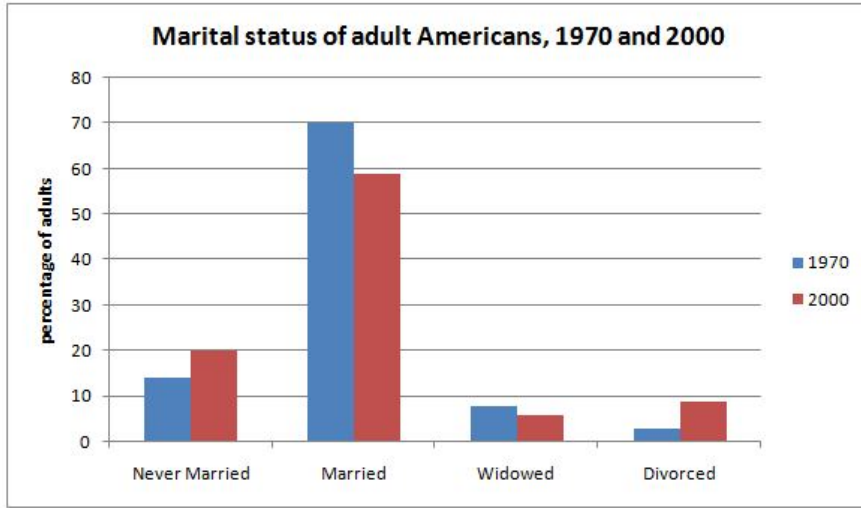
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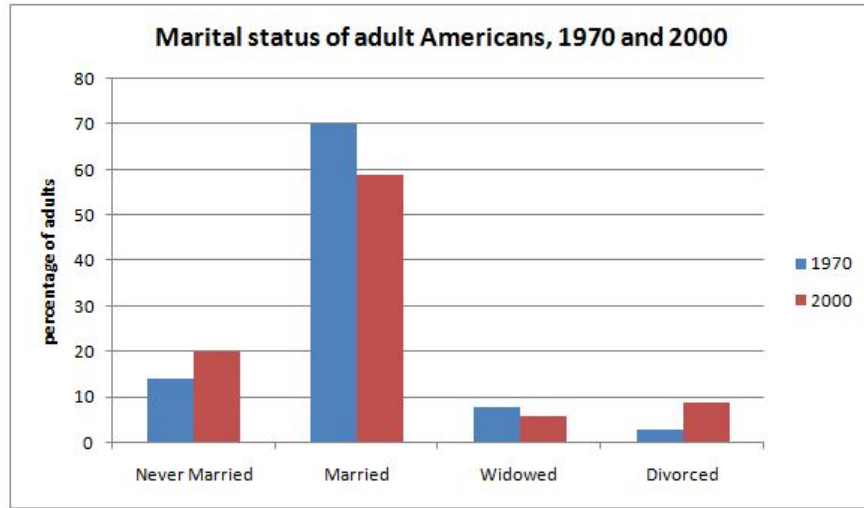
“Nearly 10% of adult Americans were widowed in 1970.”

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Widowed - 2000

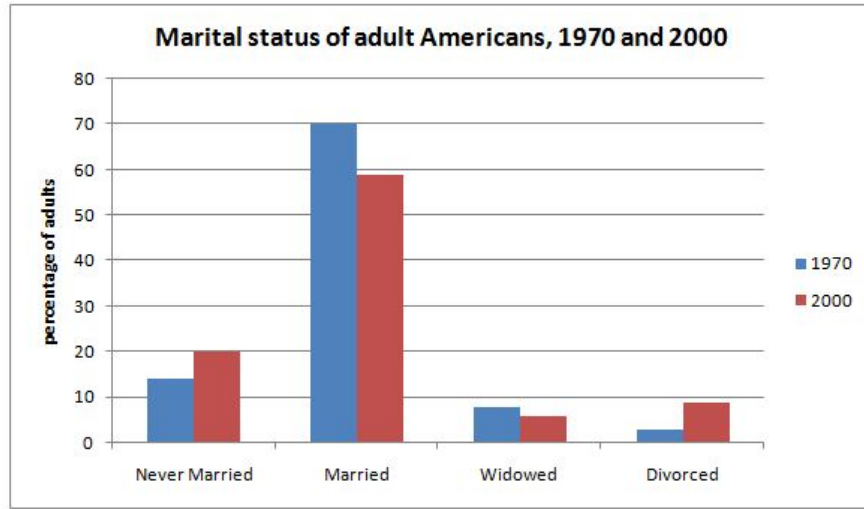
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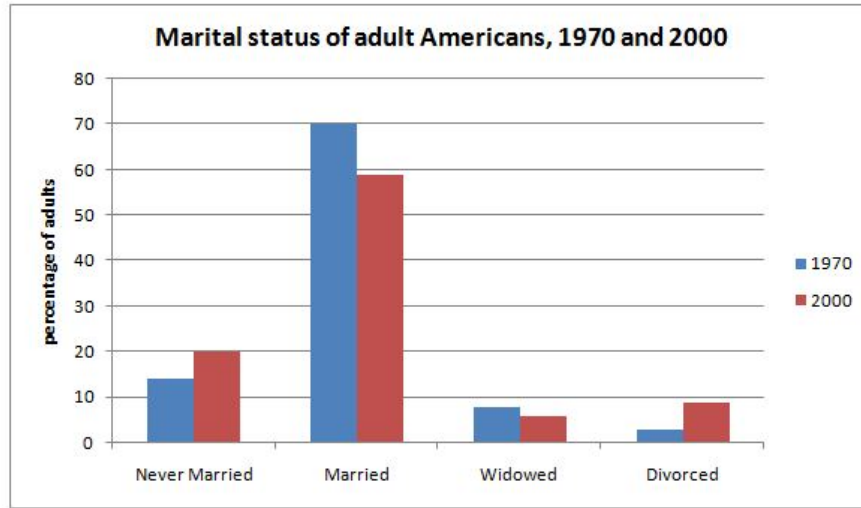
“Approximately 5% of adult Americans were widowed in 2000.”

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Divorced – 1970

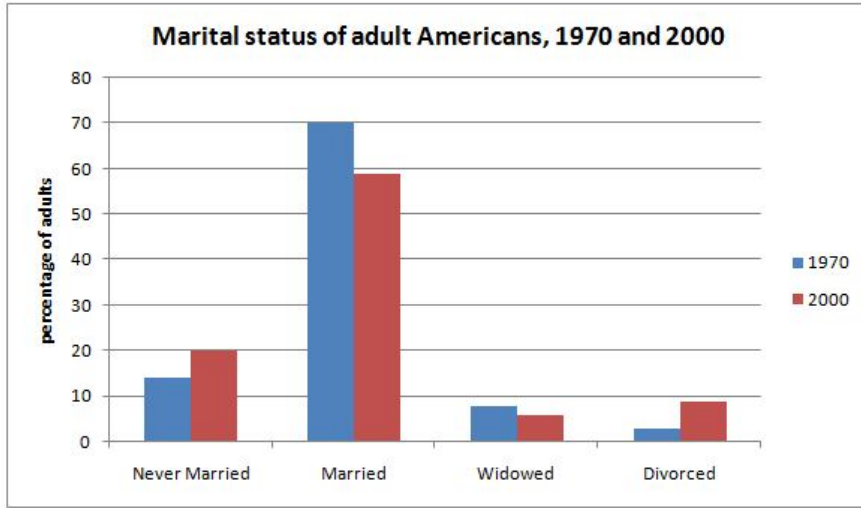
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Divorced – 1970

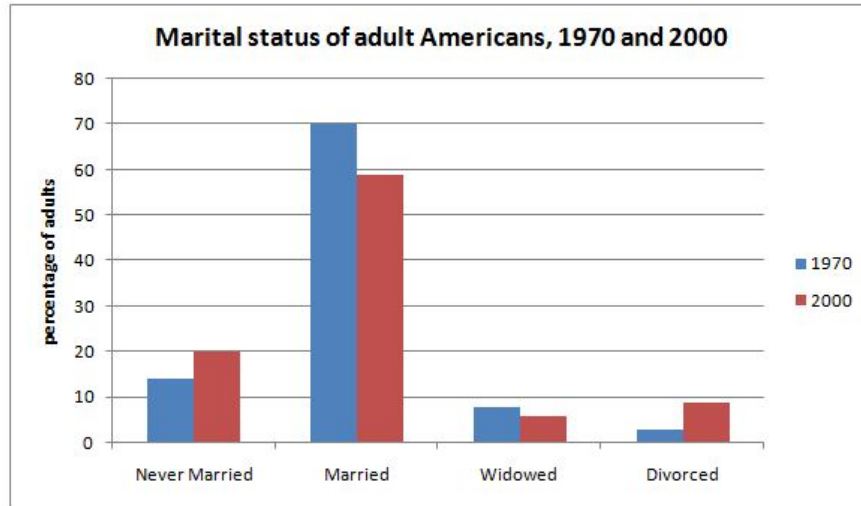
“Fewer than 5% of adult Americans were divorced in 1970.”

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Divorced – 2000

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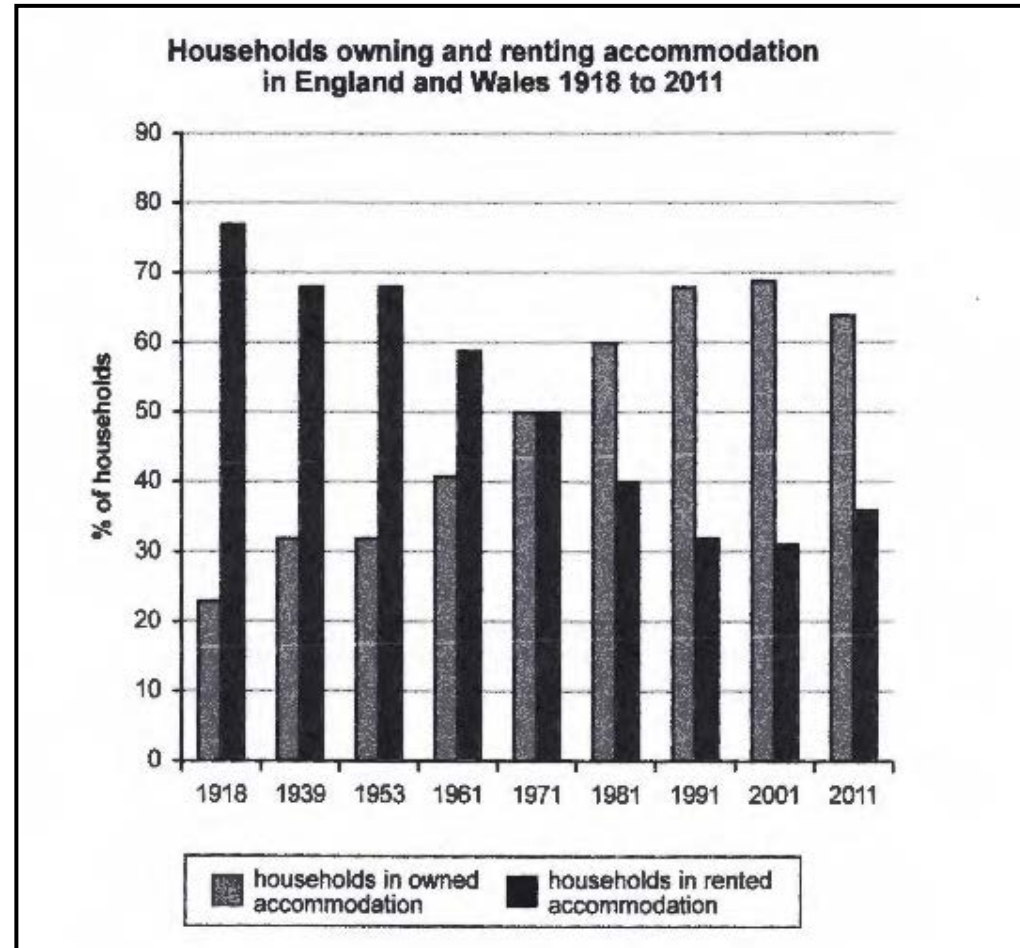


Divorced – 2000

“Just under 10% of adult Americans were divorced in 2000.”

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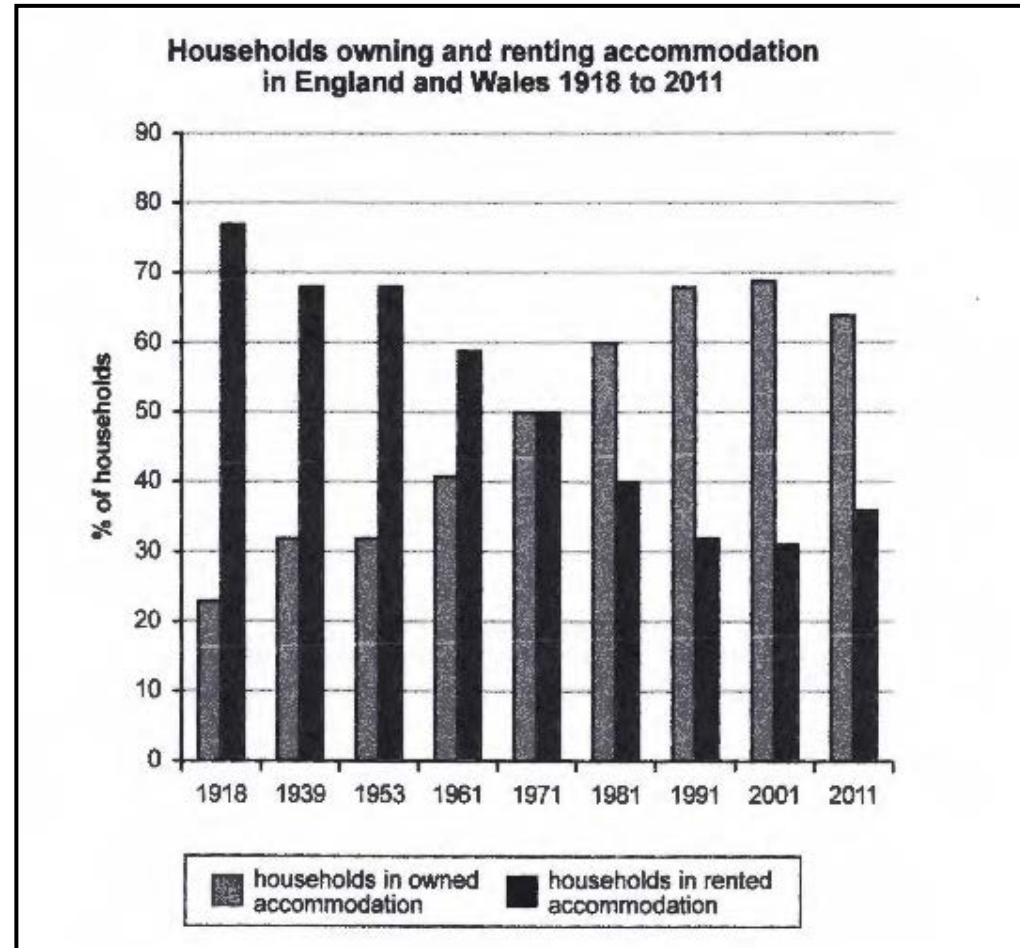
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accommodation – 1991



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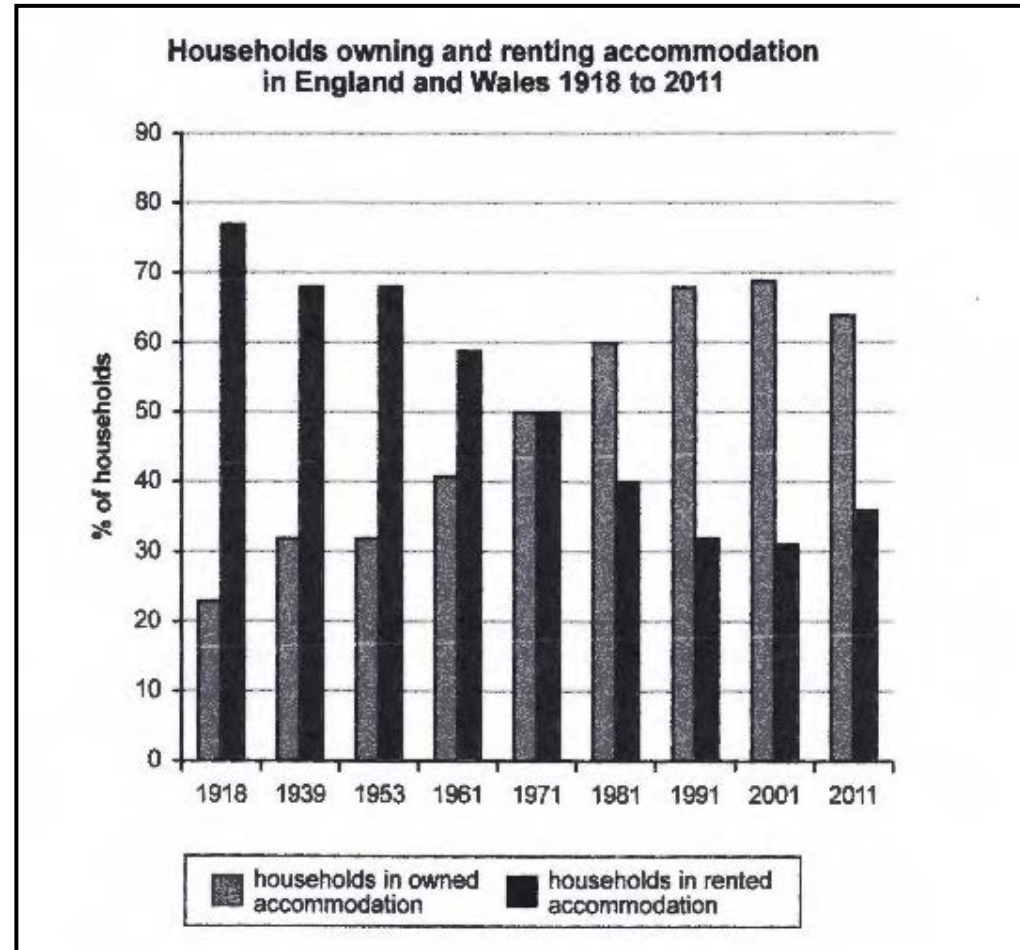
households – rented  
accommodation – 1991

In 1991, just over 30% of  
households (families / people)  
were living (lived) in rented homes  
(accommodation).



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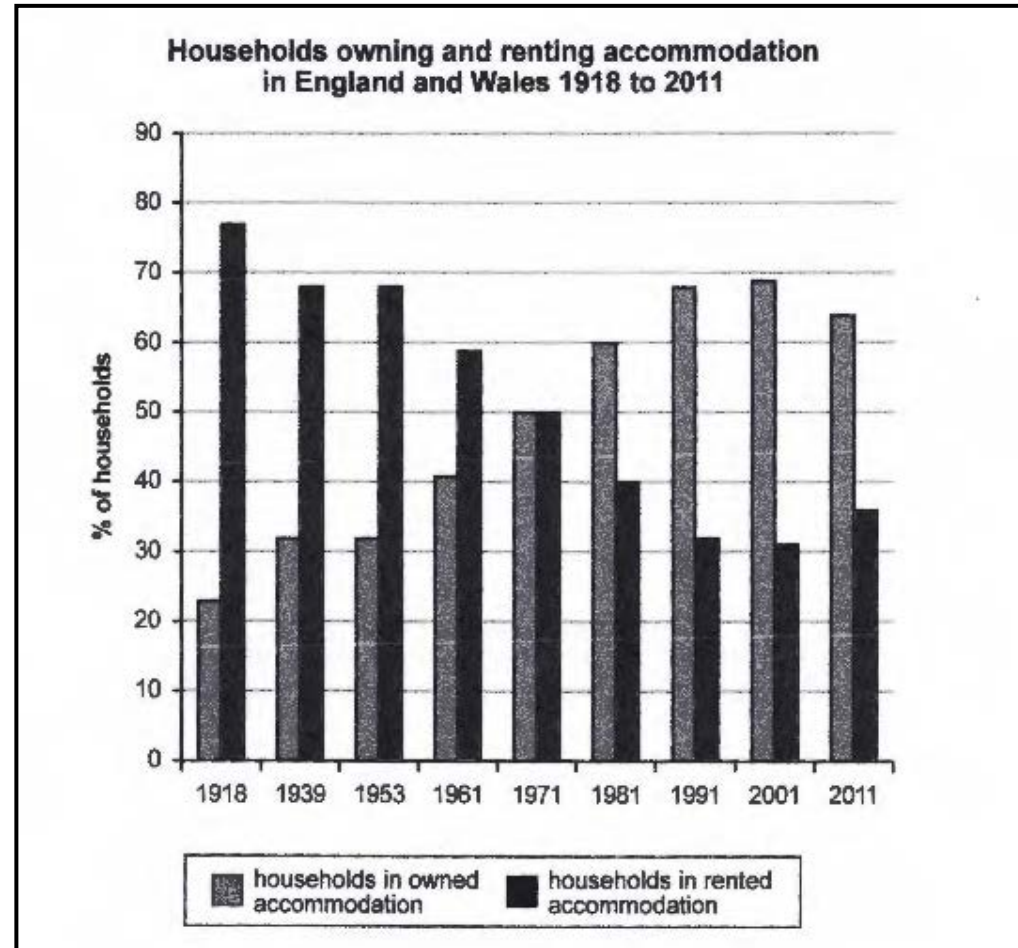
households – owning  
accommodation – 2001



# 10: Q13

households – owning  
accommodation – 2001

In 2001, nearly 70% of households  
lived in their own accommodation  
[owned accommodation] [own  
housing / housing which they  
owned]





End of  
Quiz

