

# IELTS Speaking

Task 1: Basics & Organisational Language Quiz (W10 & WK10)

Paul Winterbottom

# Basics and Organisational Language Quiz

1

How many words should we write in a task 1 answer?

1

How many words should we write in a task 1 answer?

150+

Better 180+

2

Is there a maximum number of words?

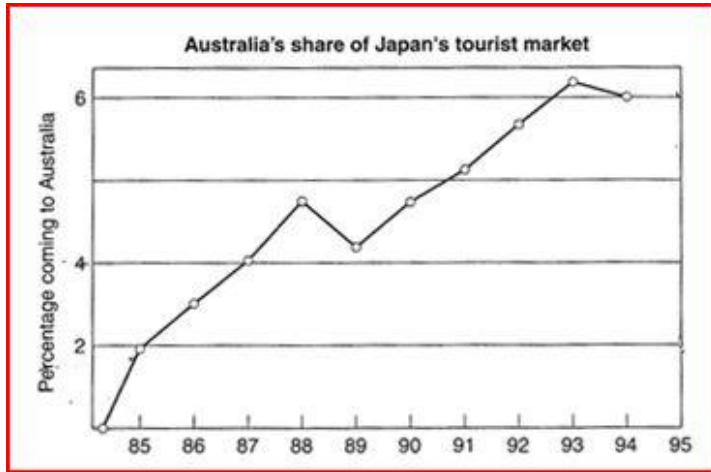
2

Is there a maximum number of words?

No, there is not.

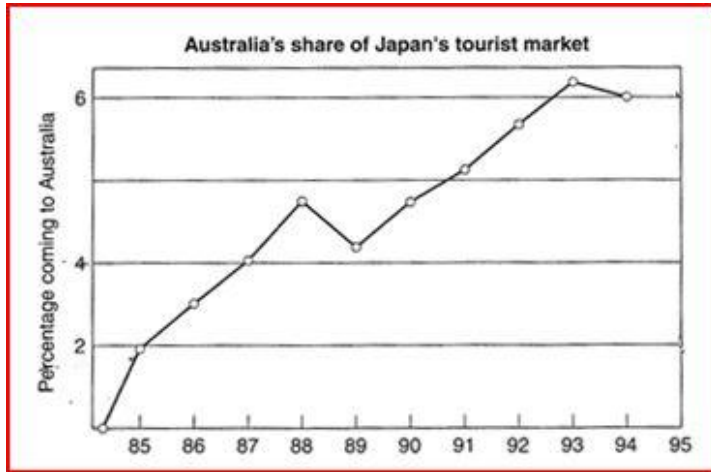
3

What do we call this?



3

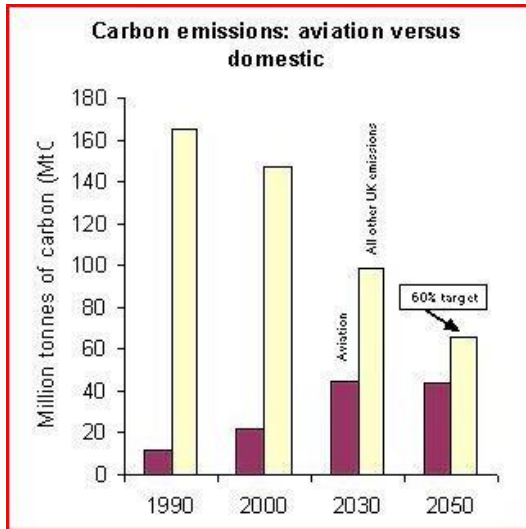
What do we call this?



It is a line graph.

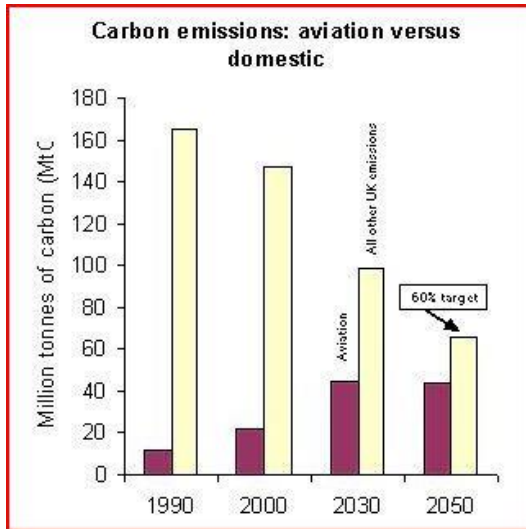
# 4

What do we call this?



4

What do we call this?



It is a bar chart.

# 5

What do we call this?

Percentage of national consumer expenditure by category – 2002

Country	Food/Drinks/Tobacco	Clothing/Footwear	Leisure/Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
Spain	18.80%	6.51%	1.98%
Sweden	15.77%	5.40%	3.22%
Turkey	32.14%	6.63%	4.35%

# 5

What do we call this?

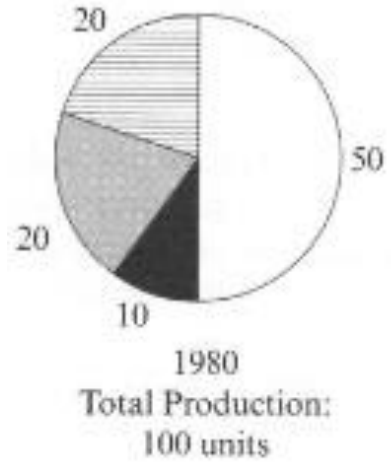
Percentage of national consumer expenditure by category – 2002

Country	Food/Drinks/Tobacco	Clothing/Footwear	Leisure/Education
Ireland	28.91%	6.43%	2.21%
Italy	16.36%	9.00%	3.20%
Spain	18.80%	6.51%	1.98%
Sweden	15.77%	5.40%	3.22%
Turkey	32.14%	6.63%	4.35%

It is a table.

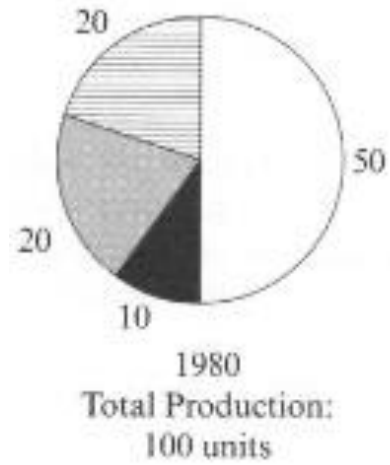
6

What do we call this?



6

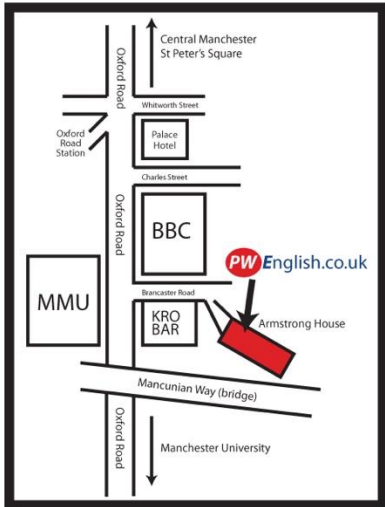
What do we call this?



It is a pie chart.

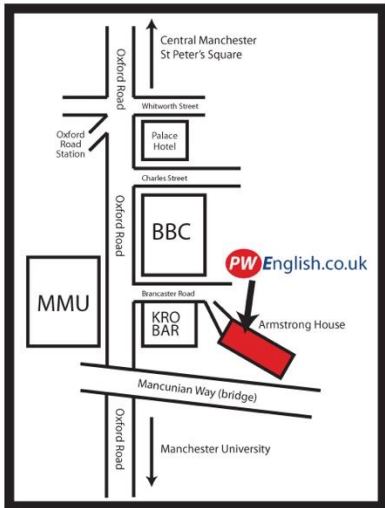
7

What do we call this?



7

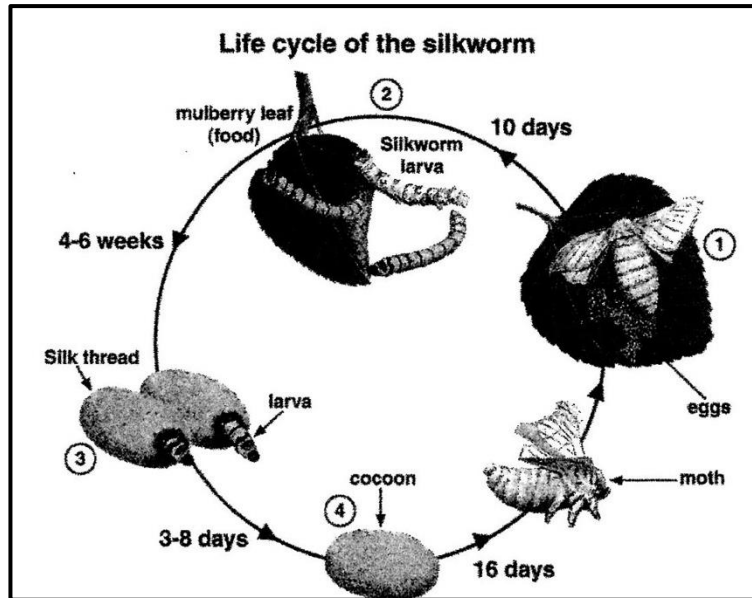
What do we call this?



It is a map.

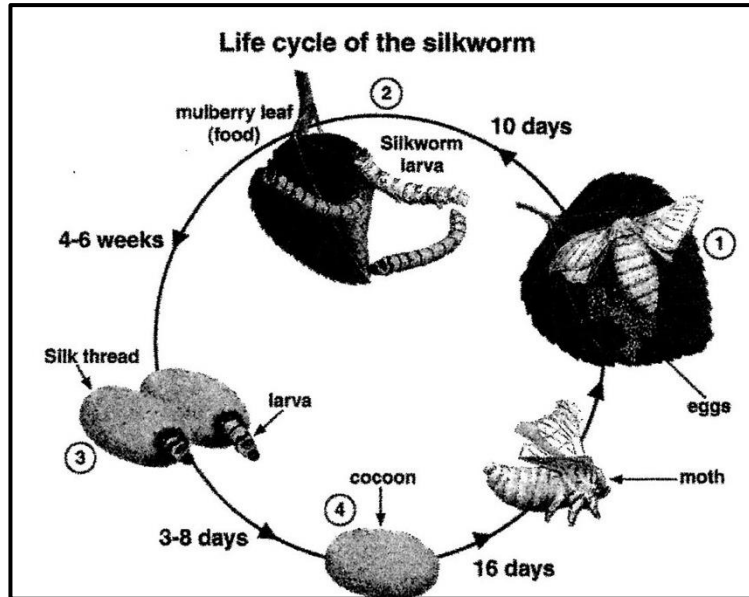
8

What do we call this?



8

What do we call this?



It is a flow chart / diagram.

# 9

What is a phrase that means “and” which is useful to link 2 features (subjects) together in task 1, paragraph 1?

For example: The top line graph shows the total population of the USA **and** the number who are aged over 65.

9

What is a phrase that means “and” which is useful to link 2 features (subjects) together in task 1, paragraph 1?

“together with”

10

How many paragraphs do you write in a task 1 answer?

10

How many paragraphs do you write in a task 1 answer?

4

11

What do you write about in paragraph 1?

11

What do you write about in paragraph 1?

What the charts show.

12

What do you put in paragraph 2?

# 12

What do you put in paragraph 2?

The main points:  
usually 2

This is the “overview”.

13

What do you put in paragraphs 3 and 4?

13

What do you put in paragraphs 3 and 4?

Detailed points.

14

How can you begin paragraph 2 (main points)?

14

How can you begin paragraph 2 (main points)?

Overall, there are 2 key points (to note).

First,..

And secondly,..

Or

Overall, the main point to note is that....

Overall, the main points to note are that XXX and YYY.

15

How can you begin paragraph 3?

15

How can you begin paragraph 3?

Looking at XXX (eg “the top line graph”) in more detail we can see that...

16

How can you say “we can see that” using the passive?

16

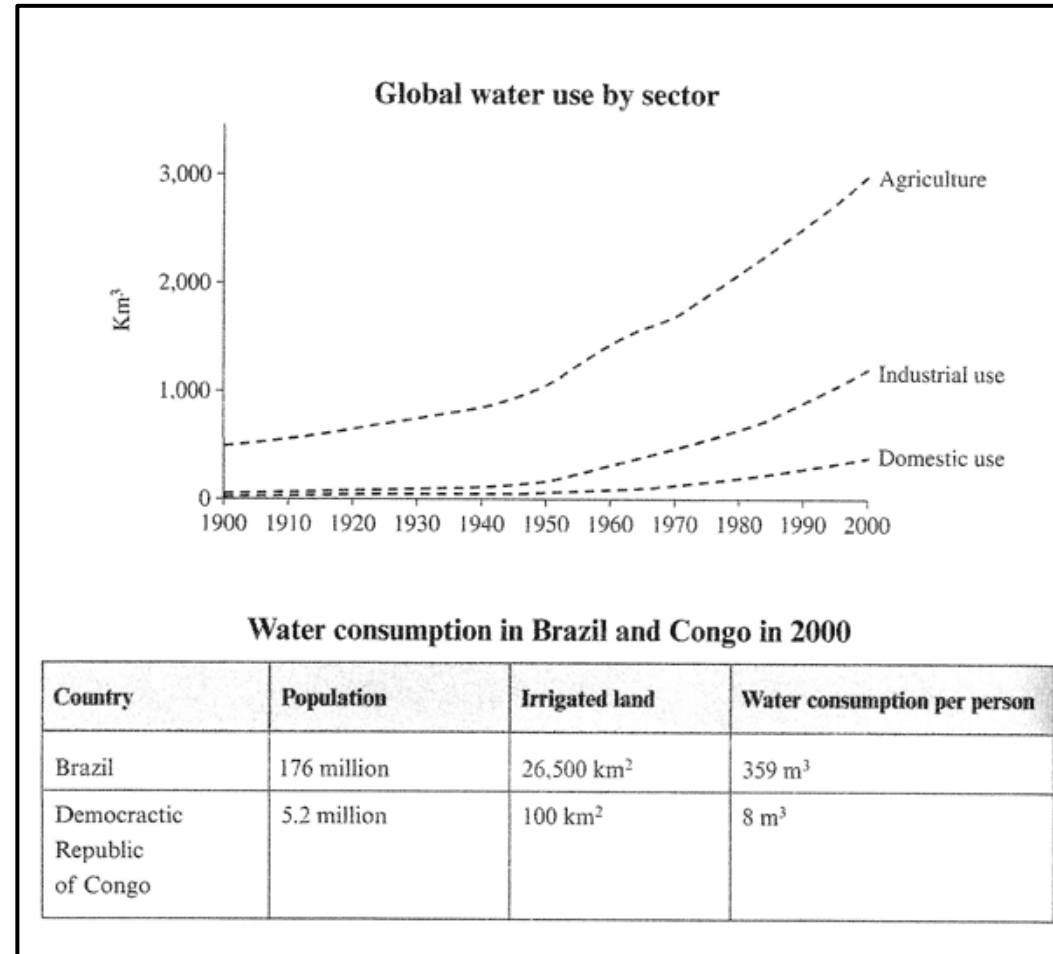
How can you say “we can see that” using the passive?

“it can be seen that”

17

Is this correct (grammatically):

The top line graph shows amount of water that was used by agriculture, **together with** the bottom table shows the population of Brazil and the Congo.



17

Is this correct (grammatically):

The top line graph shows amount of water that was used by agriculture, together with the bottom table shows the population of Brazil and the Congo.

No: the sentence does not describe ONE chart with TWO pieces of data but TWO charts each with separate data: we must use AND

The top line graph shows amount of water that was used by agriculture, and the bottom table shows the population of Brazil and the Congo.

