

# IELTS Writing

Task 1 Key Language

Percentages: Worksheet WK12

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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.

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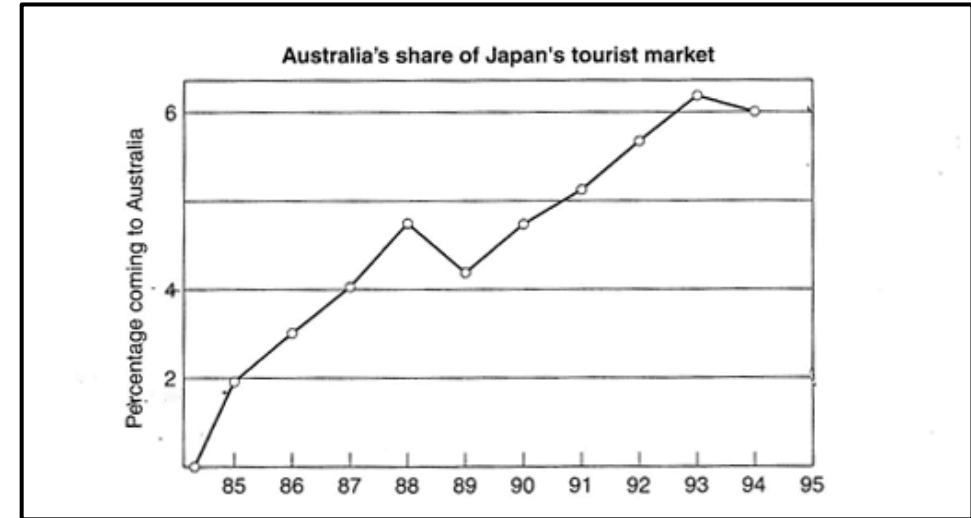
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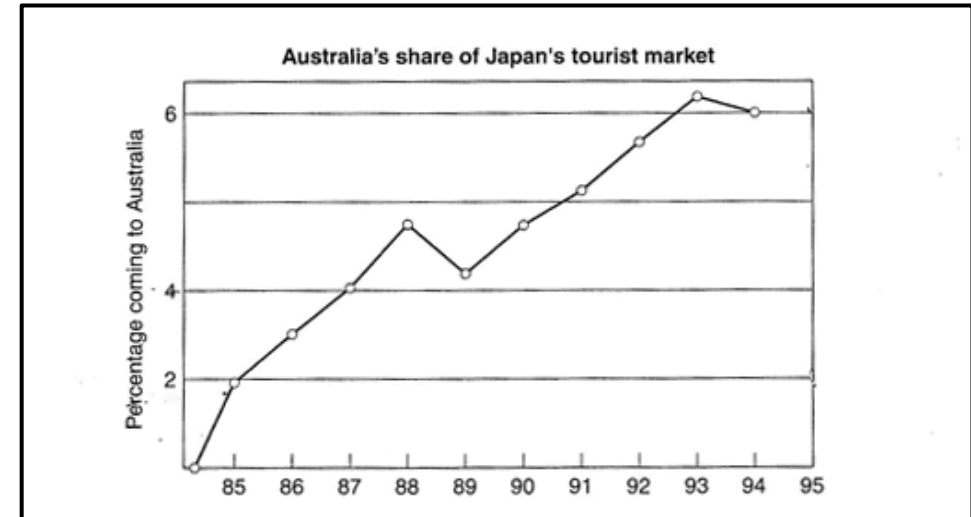
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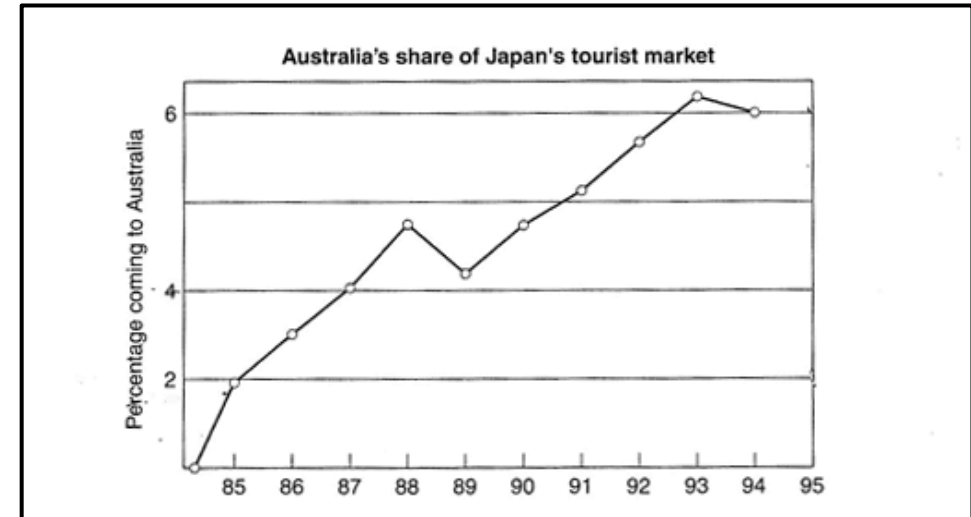
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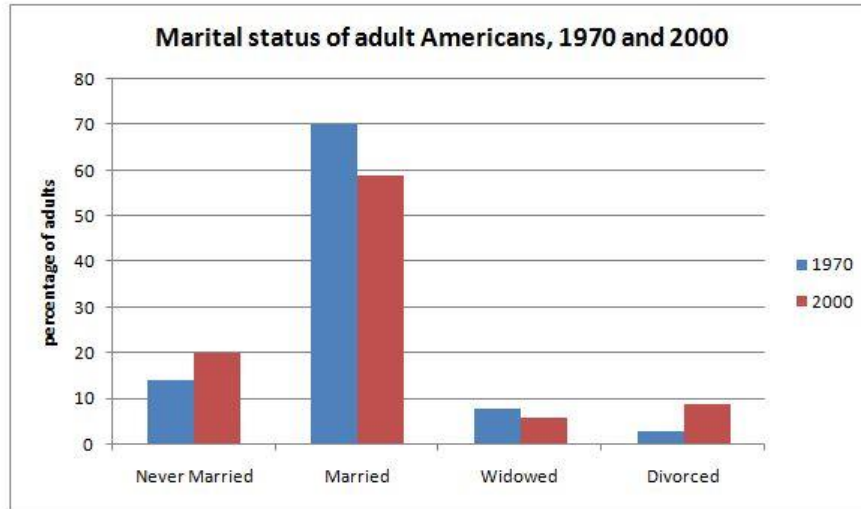


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Single piece of data: NOT:

The percentage of Japanese tourists who went to Australia was just over 6% in 1993. NOT GOOD WRITING!

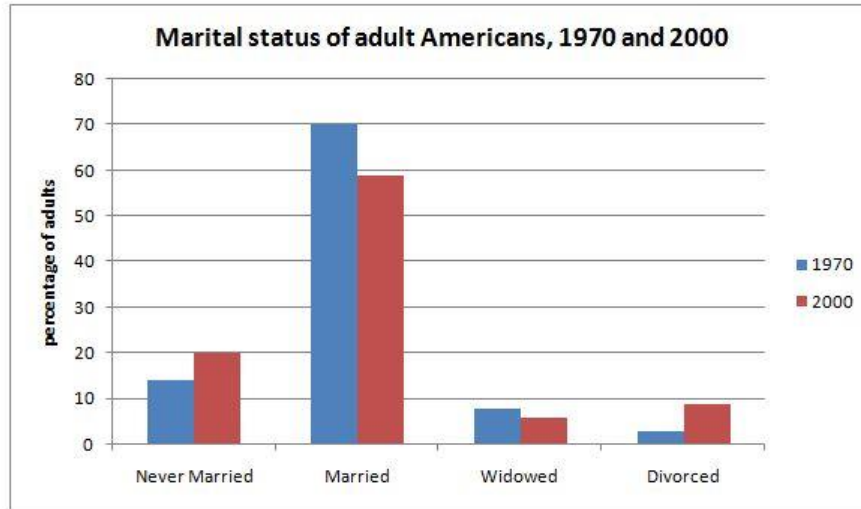
# Example:



## 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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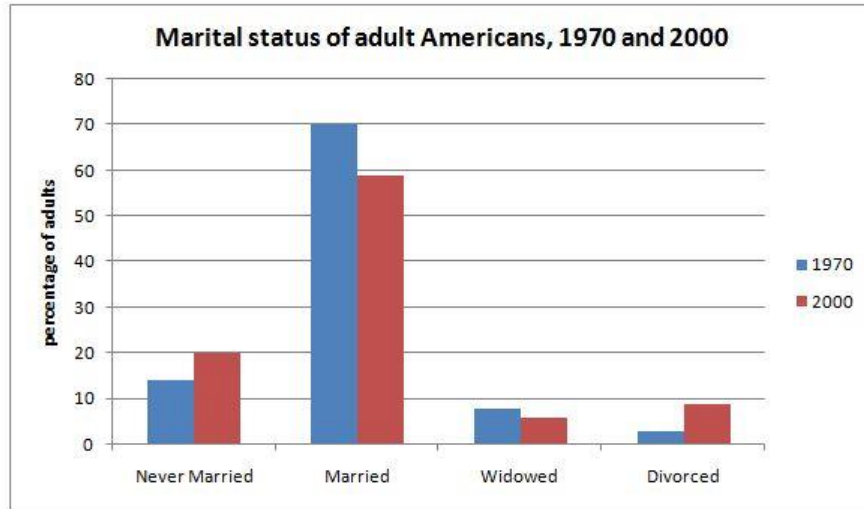


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“Just under 15% of adult Americans had never been married in 1970.”

Make sure that you also use the language for numbers.

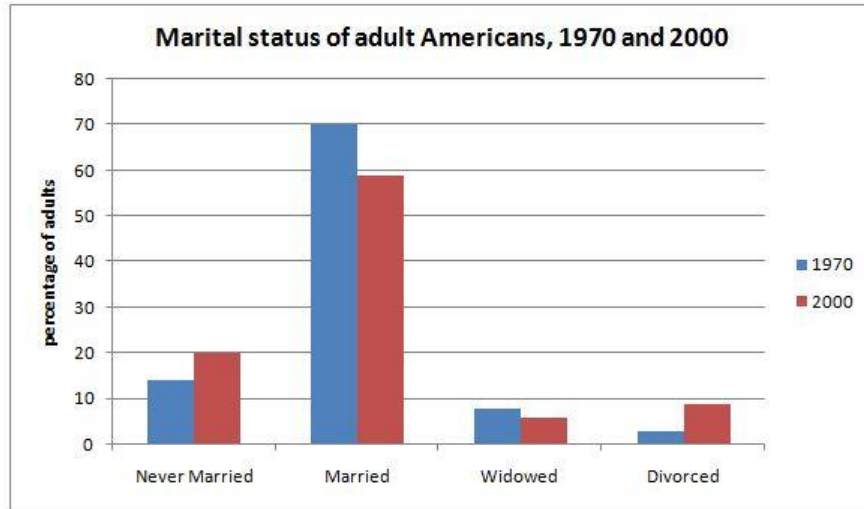
## Example 2



Married – 1970

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

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

