

IELTS Writing

Task 1 Key Language

Change: Worksheet WK14 & Practice

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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. Language for Location
6. Comparisons (similar or different): trends / overall – this language can also help to select the data to write about. : SEE SEPARATE WORKSHEETS

Language for change (1)

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Language for change (4)

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Verb and Noun Pattern Quiz

Change the sentence from the verb pattern to the noun pattern

1

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2

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3

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7

Q5: The number of minutes of mobile calls increased enormously between 1995 and 2002, particularly after 1999.

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There was an enormous increase in the number of minutes of mobile calls between 1995 and 2002, particularly after 1999.

8

Q13: After reaching a low point of just over 30% in 2001, the percentage living in rented accommodation rose slightly in 2011.

After reaching a low point of just over 30% in 2001, there was a slight rise in the percentage living in rented accommodation in 2001.

9

Q2(A) The number of couples who got married fell moderately in the 20 years from 1980 to 2000.

There was a moderate fall in the number of couples who got married in the 20 years from 1980 to 2000.

End of
Quiz

