

IELTS Writing

Task 1: W16

...are similar in that...

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Similarities: A and B are similar in that...

1. Useful for making comparisons and organising data.
2. Grouping by similarities and differences.
3. Flexible: May be used in paragraphs 2 (main point), or 3 and 4 – details.
4. Another sentence without errors.

Yemen and Italy are similar in that the percentage of the population that is over 60 is forecast to rise significantly. However, the actual percentage is predicted to still be dramatically different – far smaller in Yemen than Italy.

Similarities

Key Language:

(A) is /are / were similar in that

- All age groups are similar in that... (more than 2 age groups)
- Both sexes are similar in that... (2 groups)
- Madrid and Frankfurt are similar in that... (named items)

(B) Additional language:

- particularly / especially (synonyms): "particularly after 1950" – attention on KEY data
- with the exception of... exclude a particular group / time from the similarity

Example 1

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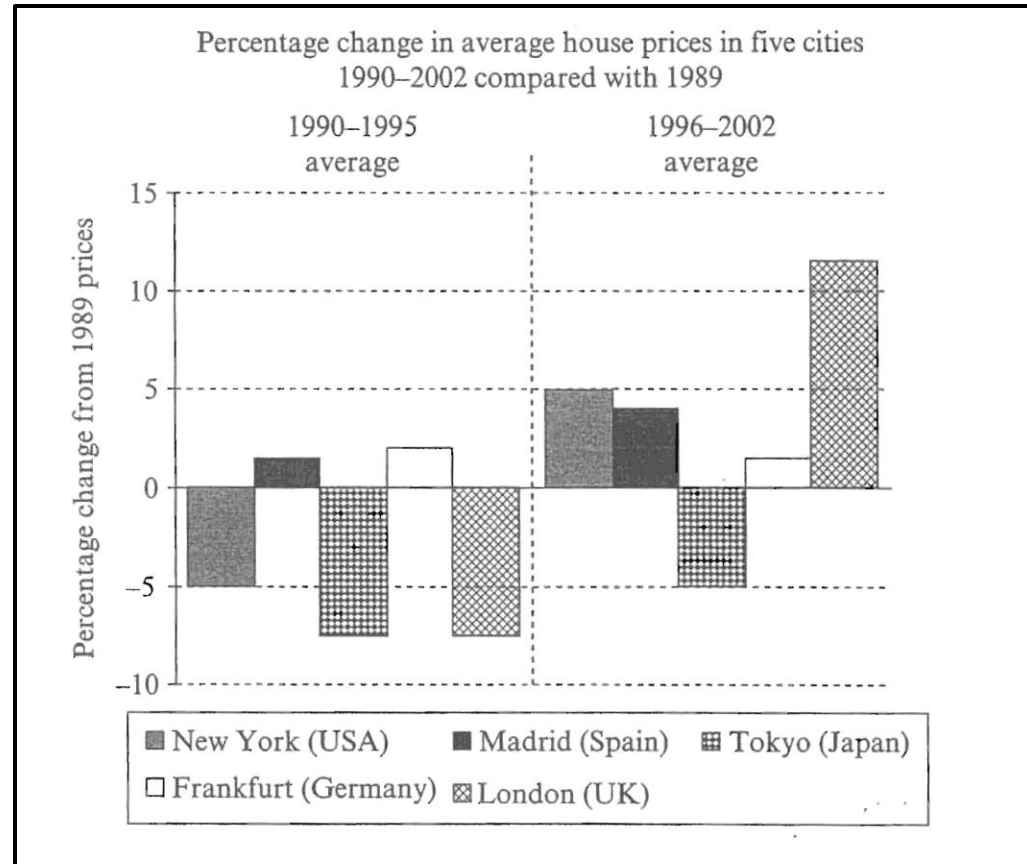
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1. All five countries are similar in that food, drink and tobacco was the largest category of spending and leisure and education the smallest.
2. All five countries are similar in that the percentage of total spending (that people) spent on food, drink and tobacco was the largest of the three categories of spending and leisure and education the smallest.

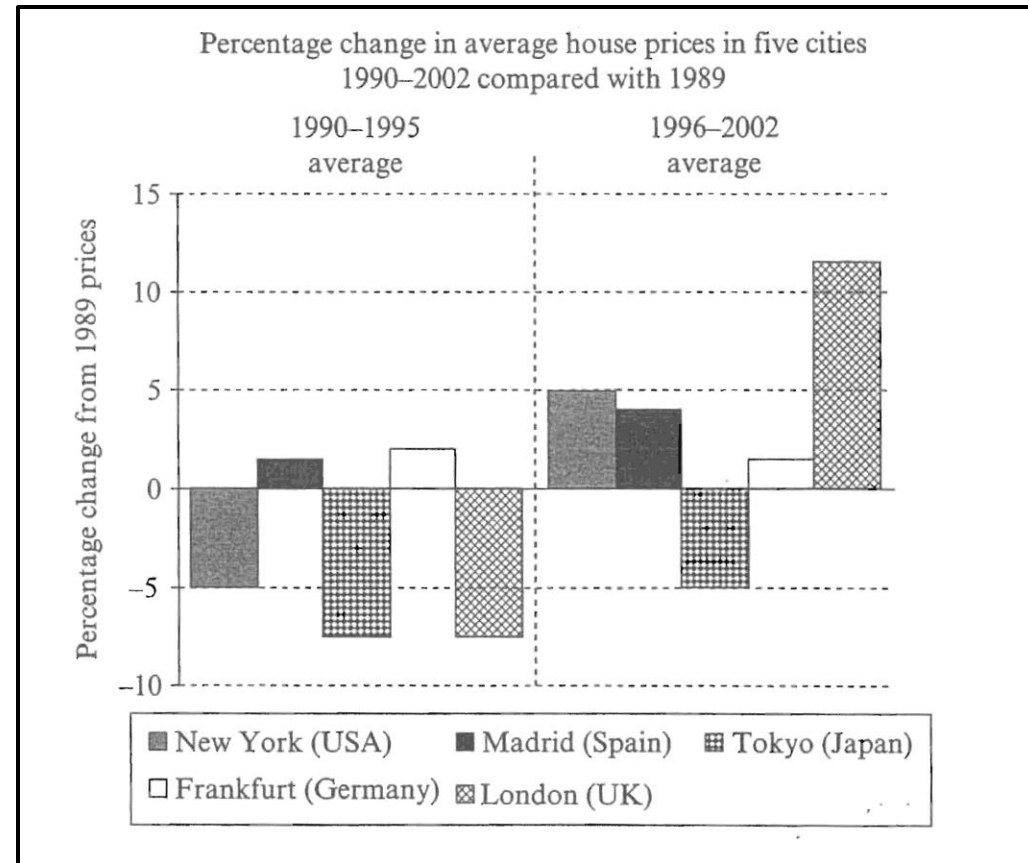
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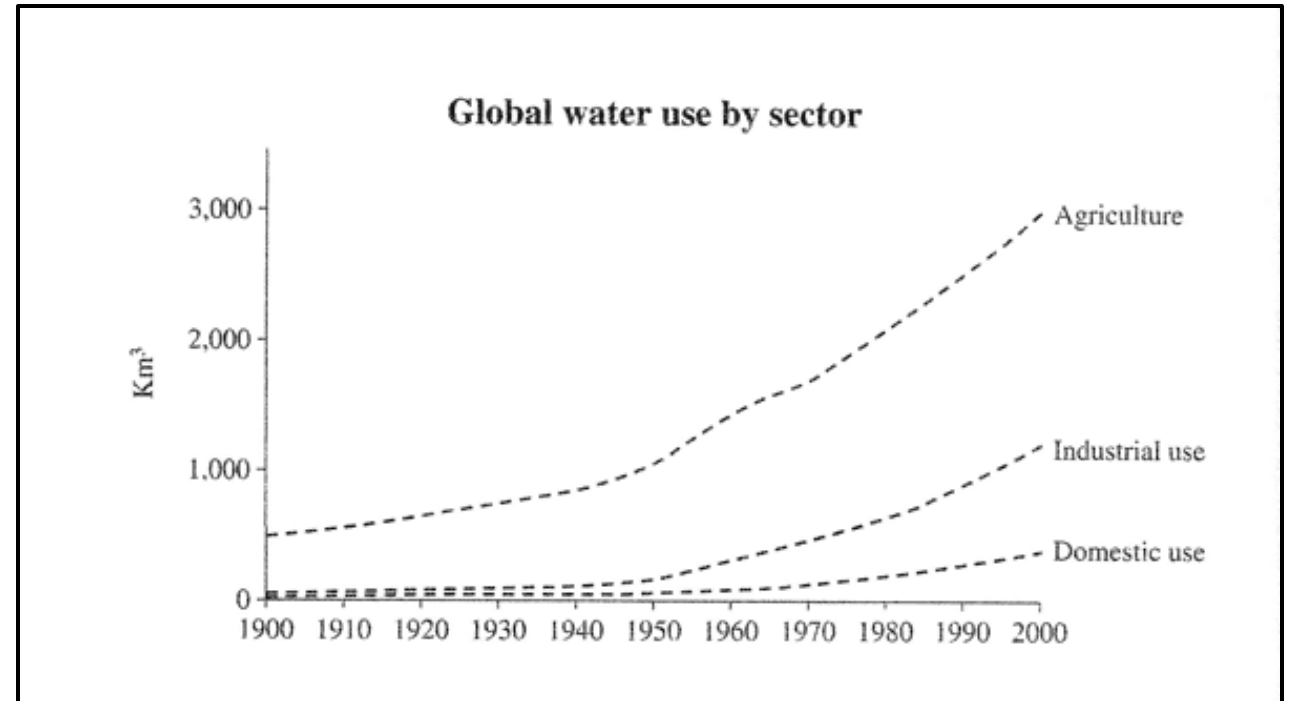
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Madrid and Frankfurt are similar in that average house prices were higher in both cities, in both periods, compared with 1989.

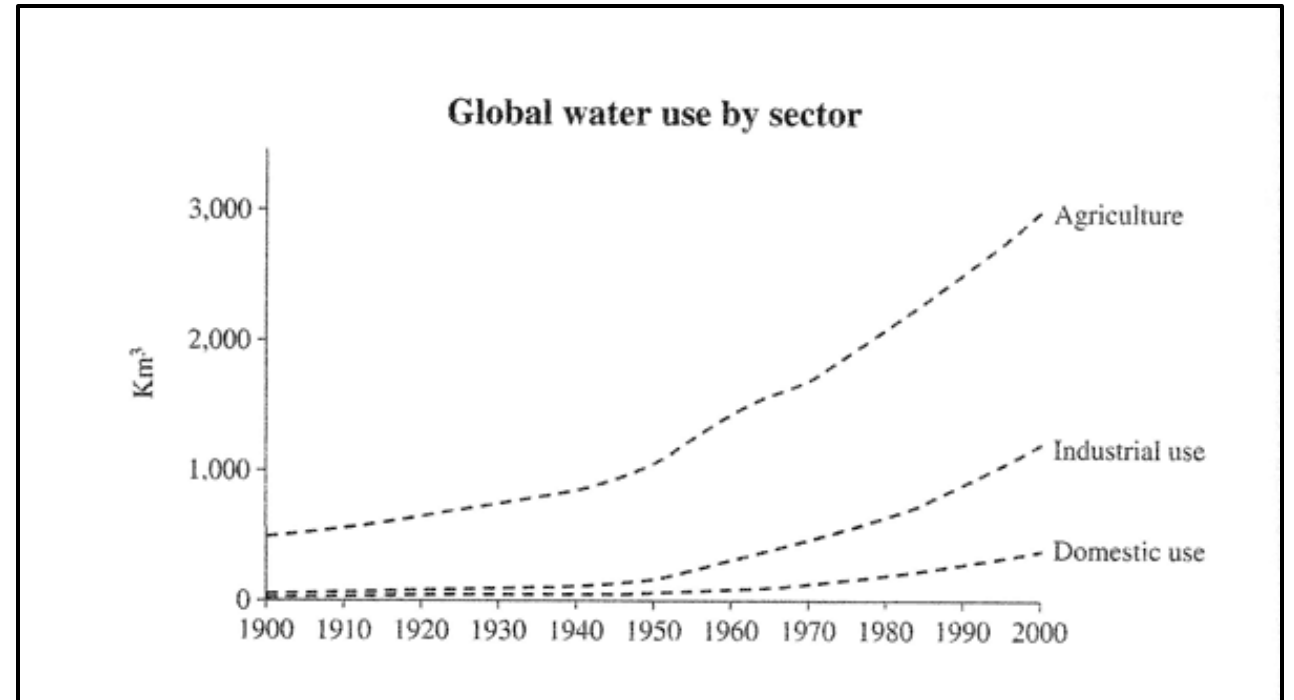
Example 3

3 sectors - similar – water use increased – 100 years – particularly after 1950



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All three sectors are similar in that the amount of water that they used increased very substantially during the 100 year period, particularly after 1950.

