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Writing Task 1

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Introduction

The IELTS Academic Writing test lasts 60 minutes and consists of two tasks – Task 1 and Task 2. Let's look at **Task 1** in more detail.

What is the format of Academic Writing Task 1?

Task 1 requires you to write **at least 150 words** describing some visual information (e.g. a diagram, chart, graph or table). You will be asked to describe, summarise or explain the information in your own words. You may be asked to describe and explain data, the stages of a process, how something works or an object or event.

Task 1 is shorter and carries fewer marks than Task 2, so you should spend **about 20 minutes** on this task.

Find out more about Task 2 in *IELTS Academic Mini Writing Task 2 - Understanding the Examiner Comments*.

How is IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 assessed?

Certified IELTS examiners will mark your answers based on the following Writing assessment criteria each worth 25% of the total marks:

- Task achievement
- Coherence and cohesion
- Lexical resource
- Grammatical range and accuracy

How do I use this mini Academic Writing Task 1 practice test?

To help you understand what examiners are looking for, follow these simple steps:

- 1** Read and answer each of the two Task 1 questions.
- 2** Look at the two sample answers.
- 3** Read the examiner's comments for each answer.
- 4** Do the activities on the worksheet on pages 6-8.
- 5** Review your own answer using what you've learned from the activities. This will help you understand where you can improve your own writing.

More information on assessing the Writing test, including the Writing assessment criteria, is available on the IELTS website, ielts.org.

WRITING TASK 1

TEST 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows average carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per person in the United Kingdom, Sweden, Italy and Portugal between 1967 and 2007.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

