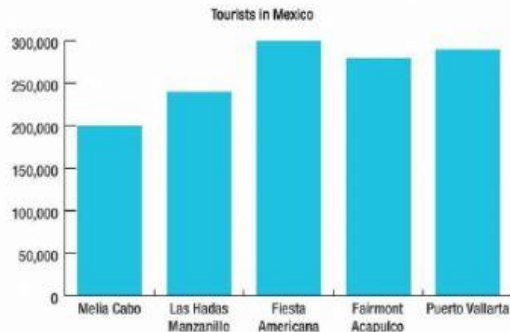


## EXERCISE 1

When a graph or chart appears in IELTS Writing Task 1, it will either *compare data at the same point in time* or *show trends over a period of time*. A *trend* is a general development or a change in a situation.

Look at the graphs and charts. Then choose the correct descriptions.

Tourists in Mexico



| Destination          | Number of Tourists (approx.) |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Mella Cabo           | 200,000                      |
| Las Hadas Manzanillo | 240,000                      |
| Fiesta Americana     | 300,000                      |
| Fairmont Acapulco    | 280,000                      |
| Puerto Vallarta      | 290,000                      |

1.

- This chart compares the number of visitors to five different holiday destinations in Mexico at the same point in time.
- This chart shows the number of visitors to five different holiday destinations in Mexico over a period of time.

The populations of five different cities

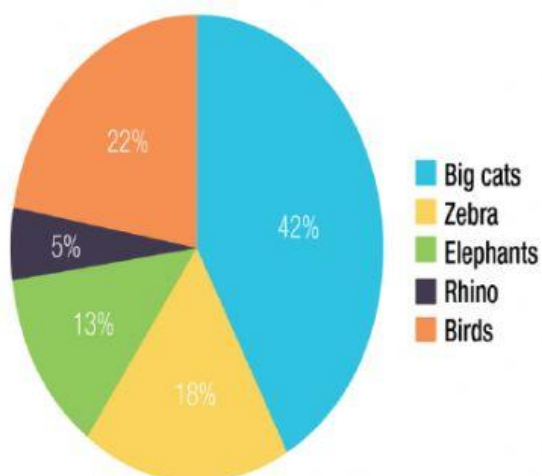


| City               | 1970       | 1975       | 1980       | 1985       | 1990       | 1995       | 2000       | 2005       | 2010       | Now        |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Tehran, Iran       | 3,000,000  | 4,000,000  | 5,000,000  | 6,000,000  | 7,000,000  | 8,000,000  | 9,000,000  | 10,000,000 | 11,000,000 | 12,000,000 |
| New York City, USA | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| Beijing, China     | 8,000,000  | 9,000,000  | 10,000,000 | 11,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 13,000,000 | 14,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 16,000,000 | 17,000,000 |
| Moscow, Russia     | 7,000,000  | 8,000,000  | 9,000,000  | 10,000,000 | 11,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 13,000,000 | 14,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 16,000,000 |
| Lagos, Nigeria     | 1,000,000  | 2,000,000  | 3,000,000  | 4,000,000  | 5,000,000  | 6,000,000  | 7,000,000  | 8,000,000  | 9,000,000  | 10,000,000 |

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- This graph compares the populations of five different cities in the world at the same time.
- This graph compares the populations of five different cities in the world over a period of time.

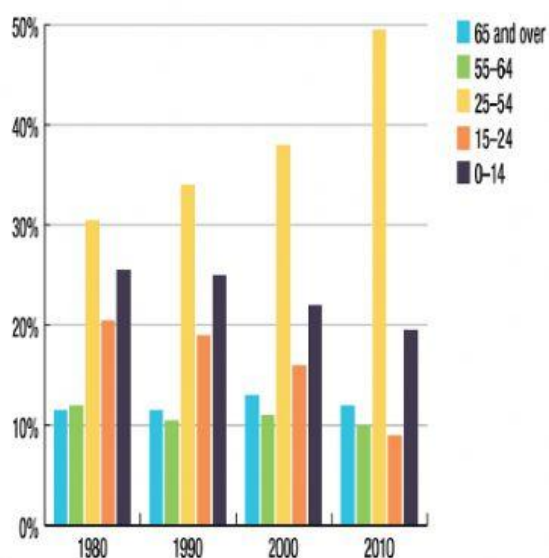
Animals in the Maasai Mara



3.

- This chart shows the numbers of different types of animal in the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya at the same point in time.
- This chart shows the numbers of different types of animal in the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya over a period of time.

The age of the population of Ireland between 1985 and 2010



4.

- This chart compares the ages of the population of Ireland at the same point in time.
- This chart compares the ages of the population of Ireland over a period of time.