

Exercise 2

Read the information. Then choose the correct words and phrases to complete the summary of the table.

Band 9: cohesion attracts no attention;
Band 8: manages cohesion well;
Band 7: uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately, although there may be some underuse or overuse.

The table below shows the percentage of people employed in six different industries in Country A and predictions for 2025.

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

Employment rate in Country A (1995–2025) (%)					
Industry		1995	2005	2015	2025
	Construction	6%	5%	6%	5%
	Manufacturing	25%	15%	12%	10%
	Retail	12%	13%	13%	12%
	Transportation	3%	4%	6%	13%
	Finance	3%	5%	8%	15%
	Agriculture	20%	10%	0.7%	0.7%

It is striking/ What stands out is the huge decline in employment in the agricultural sector during the period shown.

It is striking that/ Surprisingly, having stood at 20% in 1995, it is forecast that it will have fallen to just 0.7% by 2025.

By contrast/ It is surprisingly, the employment figures for the finance and transportation fields have increased significantly, both rising from 3% in 1995 to reach a predicted percentage of 15% and 13%, obviously/ respectively. By the end of the period shown/ Finally, employment in transportation will have reached 13%; the clear trend/ whereas being a substantial rise from the

percentage in 1995 of 3%. Moving onto/ Turning next construction, the figures remain stable between 1995 and 2015, fluctuating between 5% and 6%. Likewise/ Nevertheless , it is predicted to be 5% in 2025. Regarding to/ With reference to employment in retail, the figures rose slightly from 12% in 1995 to 13% in 2015 but will at last/ nevertheless fall back again to 12% in 2025.