

# Describing & analysing tables

A. Look at the four tables below. These show demographic trends in four different countries between 1996 and 2000. The numbers on the left and right of each table show the number of people in millions. Using the information in these tables, match sentences 1-13 on the next page with the appropriate country. Use the words and expressions in **bold** to help you.



Number of people  
under 18 years of age



Number of people  
over 65 years of age



Number of deaths

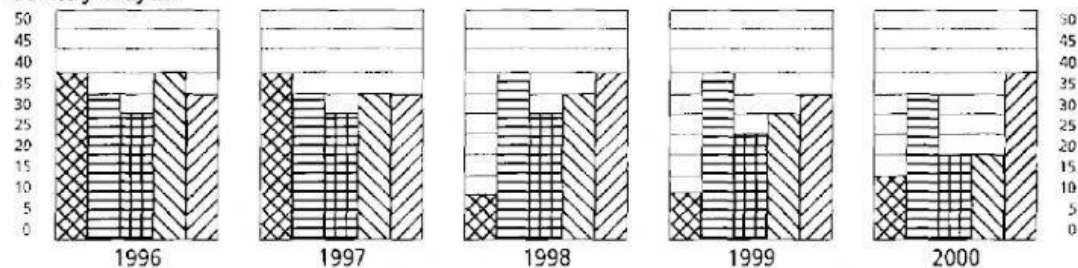


Number of  
married people

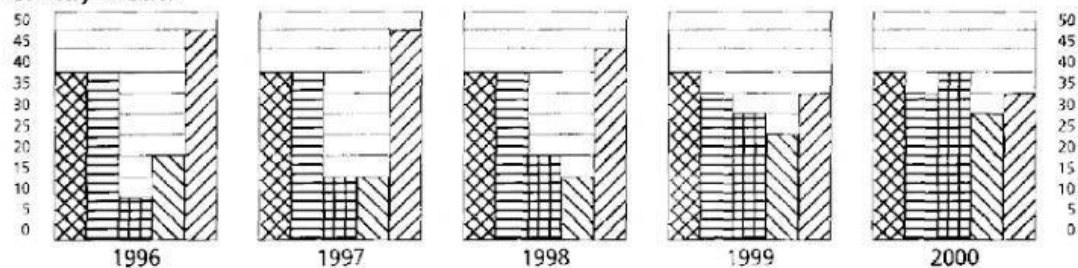


Number of  
single people

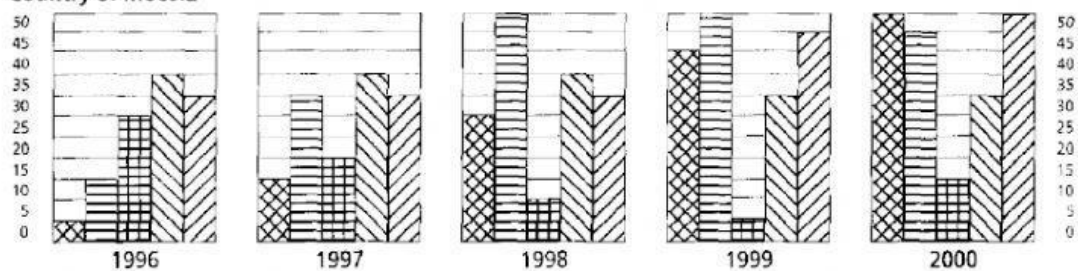
Country 1: Lycia



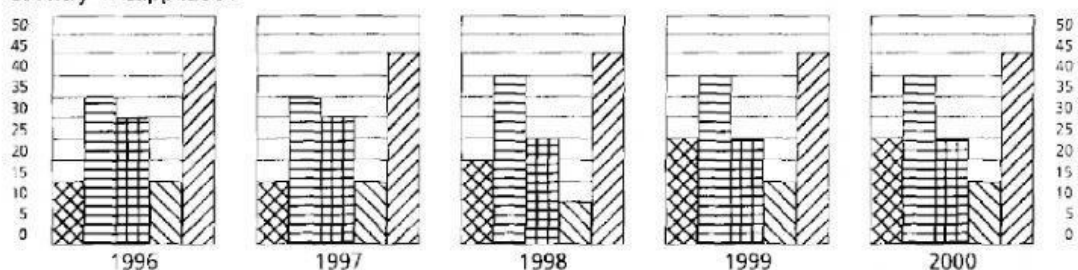
Country 2: Cilica



Country 3: Moesia



Country 4: Cappadocia



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1. In which two countries was there a *considerable discrepancy* between married and single people between 1996 and 1998?
2. In which country was there a *constant* and *considerable discrepancy* between married and single people over the five-year period?
3. In which country was there a *sudden* and *noticeable difference* between those under 18 and those over 65 in 1998?
4. In which country did the number of under-18s *rise dramatically* between 1996 and 2000?
5. In which country did the number of under-18s *increase slightly* between 1996 and 2000?
6. In which country did the number of over-65s *go up sharply* between 1996 and 1998?
7. In which country did the number of married people *decline* over the five-year period?
8. In which country did the number of deaths *decrease significantly* between 1996 and 1999?
9. In which country was there a *slight decline* in the number of married people between 1998 and 1999?
10. In which country was there a *sharp drop* in the number of under 18s between 1997 and 1998?
11. In which country was there a *slight reduction* in the number of deaths over the five-year period?
12. In which country was there a *significant increase* in the number of deaths between 1998 and 2000?
13. In which country did the number of deaths *remain constant* over the five-year period?

B. Now look at the table below, which shows the changes in economic activity in a town over a period of five years. The figures on the left and right show the number of people involved in these activities, in thousands. Write your own sentences to describe the situation in the town regarding the number of:

1. People employed in industry between 1996 and 2000.
2. People employed in retail between 1996 and 2000.
3. People employed in public services between 1999 and 2000.
4. People employed in tourism between 1996 and 2000.
5. Unemployed between 1998 and 2000.
6. People employed in industry compared with those in tourism in 1996.
7. People employed in industry between 1998 and 1999.

