Test tips

Inclusion of irrelevant, inaccurate or inappropriate details that are not shown in the data will limit a response to Band 6 for Task Achievement in IELTS Writing Task 1:

- **irrelevant**: this task requires you to objectively analyse and present the key data so do not add information which is not mentioned. Neither should you speculate as to reasons why the data is what it is nor give personal opinions on what the data shows.
- **inaccurate**: make sure when you do include data from the table that what you write precisely reflects the graphical information. It's a good idea to double check that the data you present is correct when you finish.
- **inappropriate**: this task should adopt the correct tone and style for a piece of academic writing so avoid informal or colloquial language.

IELTS Writing Task 1

As you look at a graph/table/chart for the first time, ask yourself:

- Are there any common trends in the graphical information?
- Does any of the information differ from the rest in an obvious and significant way? If so, how?
- Is there anything that two or more categories have in common?
- Is there anything that only happens once?

Read an example here =>

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the movement of people from rural to urban areas in three countries and predictions for future years.

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

Write at least 150 words.

PEOPLE MOVING FROM RURAL TO URBAN AREAS