

Vocabulary Quantity words

1 Choose the correct option in each of these sentences written by IELTS candidates.

- It is important to control the *quantity* / *amount* of sunshine children are exposed to.
- To discourage driving, certain *aspects* / *qualities* of the public transport system should be improved.
- The *proportion* / *rate* of smokers to non-smokers is greater in some parts of the world than in others.
- The *quantity* / *number* of workers doing shifts is very high.
- The water *levels* / *percentages* were highest at midday.
- This solution will reduce the unemployment *rate* / *number*.

2 Complete the sample answer for the charts & table in today's lesson using the words below.

amount aspect incidence level number proportion quantity rate type

The pie charts provide a breakdown of the 1 _____ of food eaten by two groups of students, while the table highlights some 2 _____ of their health. The data suggest that diet may have an impact on 3 _____ of absenteeism and on student's ability to stay healthy.

The pie charts show that there are similarities and differences with regard to the two groups' diet. In both groups, about a third of the food students eat consists of cereals. Similarly, they eat an equal 4 _____ of fish (5 percent). However, the 5 _____ of high-fat food eaten by Group B is considerably higher than in Group A, at 50 percent, while students in Group B eat far fewer vegetables than Group A and a slightly smaller 6 _____ of fresh fruit.

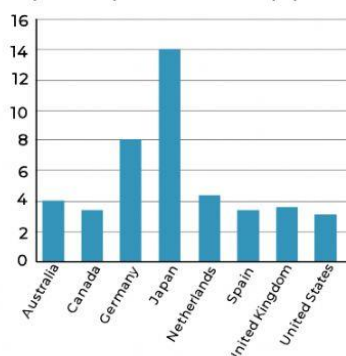
The table indicates that there are twice as many overweight people in Group B (20 percent) as in Group A. What is more, Group B has experienced a much higher 7 _____ of illness over the year, with over double the 8 _____ of students being absent from classes. This has resulted in a 15 percent lower attendance 9 _____.

5 Write your answer to this task in at least 150 words.

The chart and table below give information about healthcare resources and life expectancy in different countries.

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

Hospital beds per thousand of the population



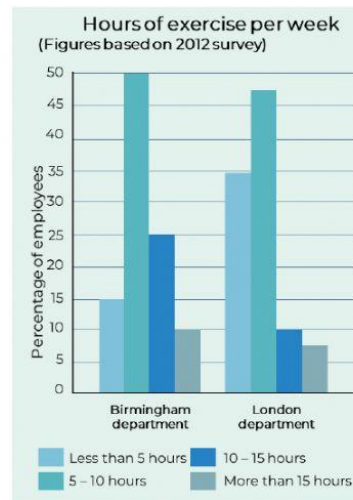
Government health spending

	Japan	Netherlands	US
Health spending per person	\$2,581	\$3,481	\$6,719
Average life expectancy	83	80	78

Writing Task 1

1 Look at the Writing task below. Read the question carefully, and highlight the key features in the chart and table.

The chart and table below give information about exercise and absenteeism in two departments of a company.



Absenteeism through illness
(per 1,000 employees): 2012

	Birmingham	London
No absenteeism	380	158
1-5 days / year	378	594
More than 5 days / year	242	248

2 Now choose the most appropriate introduction for a sample answer from A-C.

- The chart shows the number of people in two large companies who exercised on a regular basis over the course of a year, while the table shows how many of these people fell ill in the same year.
- The chart shows the amount of exercise taken each week by employees in two departments of a large company. The table shows the number of work days that were missed due to ill health during the course of a year.
- The chart shows the percentage of employees in a major company who exercised for between five and fifteen hours a week during a year. The table shows the results of this exercise on their attendance at work in the same year.

3 Decide if these sentences are TRUE or FALSE based on the information in the chart and the table. If they are false, correct them.

- In the chart, there are similarities and differences between the two departments.
- The percentage of employees in the Birmingham department who exercised for less than five hours was greater than it was in London.
- There was a big difference in the percentage of employees in both departments who exercised for between five and ten hours a week.
- A higher percentage of employees exercised for between ten and fifteen hours in London than in Birmingham.
- The percentage of employees exercising for more than fifteen hours was similar in both departments.
- In London, there were fewer employees who took time off work due to illness than there were in Birmingham.
- The number of employees who missed more than five days of work was similar in both departments.

4 Now write an answer to the question. You should spend 20 minutes on this. Write at least 150 words.