

Exercise 4

Read the information. Then choose the correct alternatives to replace the underlined words in the sentences.

Substitution is the replacement of one lexical item with a synonym or paraphrase that expresses the same meaning in order to avoid repetition of that lexical item. Skilful use of substitution can help you achieve a higher band in the IELTS test for Lexical Resource as it demonstrates a wide vocabulary range.

1. The table depicts the percentage change in the employment rate in Country A between 1995 and 2015, with predictions for 2025, and these percentages (figures/ data) vary across a wide range of industrial sectors.
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2. The agricultural sector experienced a considerable fall in the number of people employed and this sector (area/job) fell from 20% in 1995 to 0.7% in 2015.
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3. Employment in the construction industry fluctuated between 5% and 6% from 1995 to 2015, and this fluctuation (variation/sway) may well continue into the future.
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4. The share of employment in finance has increased significantly and this share (portion/zone) is expected to continue rising to stand at around 15% in 2025.
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5. There was little variance in the data for retail in the period 1995 to 2015, and there is unlikely to be much variance (continuation/ movement) in the figures in the near future.
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