

Exercise 1

Read the information. Then choose the four statements that accurately describe features of the diagram.

Remember that to achieve the higher bands in IELTS Writing Task 1, it is important to study the diagram very carefully and make sure that the information you include in your response is accurate and appropriate. Including data and other facts that do not appear in the diagram will result in a lower mark for Task Achievement.

The diagram below shows the process of recycling plastic bottles.

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



- ☐ Used plastic bottles are put into recycling bins by people who are paid to collect them.
- ☐ The collected bottles are then classified by their colour and put into different boxes before going further into the process.

- ☐ In the next step, the sorted bottles are squashed in a crushing machine in order to make them softer.
- ☐ Following on from this, the crushed bottles are fed into a machine in which they are broken up into individual plastic pieces.
- ☐ The plastic is washed and is scooped up by a worker, who then separates the water using a special tool, before putting the plastic into another machine.
- ☐ This rather large heating machine then breaks it all down and the mixture turns into much smaller plastic pellets, which are easier to manage.
- ☐ After this step of the process, the heated plastic pellets are taken to another machine, which blends them using a screw that forces the substance into a new bottle mould.
- ☐ The new bottle is then sold in shops before it is recycled again.