Writing Ex. > Task 1 – Medical Consultation

The table shows data about the average length of time (in minutes) that people of different ages spend in a consultation with family doctors in a number of countries.

Write a **report summarizing the information**. Select and describe the main features and make comparisons where relevant. **Write at least 150 words.**

Table 1: Minutes spent with a doctor on average

Age (years)	France	Brazil	Japan	USA	India	Kenya	UK	Italy	Chile
0-10	16	12	14	13	12	15	9	17	32
10-20	18	21	12	17	14	14	12	18	32
20-40	25	23	16	19	20	12	13	23	34
40-60	29	26	15	21	21	12	15	24	36
60-70	34	23	13	27	19	11	15	27	38
70 +	38	20	14	31	11	10	21	29	39

The (1) _____ gives information about the typical time that (2) _____ spend with physicians in various regions, split by age group.

The most common (3) _____ is for the time to increase consistently with (4) _____. For instance, the figure in France more than doubles from 16 to 38 minutes between the youngest and oldest people. Likewise, the USA figure (5) _____ from 13 to 31, the UK from 9 to 21, and Italy from 17 to 29. These are all substantial (6) _____. Chile has a consistent but much slighter climb, from 32 to 39 (7) _____.

Brazil also shows a rise, although (8) _____ age 60 there is a decline from 26 minutes to an eventual 20. India has a more marked rise and fall, peaking at 21 minutes for people aged 40 to 60, declining to 11 minutes for 70 plus.

Two countries are exceptions. Japan (9) _____ across the age groups, between 12 and 16 minutes. Kenya declines (10) _____ as age increases, from 15 minutes for the youngest to 10 minutes for the oldest people.

Overall, time spent with doctors generally increases with age in different countries, (11) _____ in Japan and Kenya.

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