

## Writing Task 1

- 1 Look at the graph below and complete this introductory sentence by arranging the expressions in the box.**

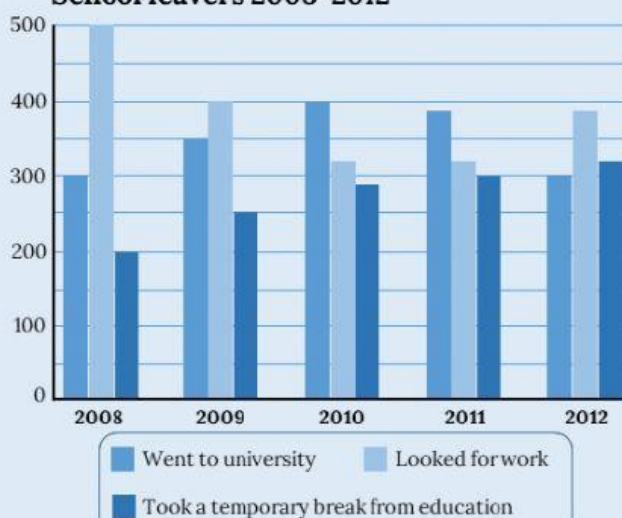
did over a    school leavers    three things that  
five-year period    information about

The graph gives...

*The graph below gives the results of a survey showing what 1,000 young people did after leaving school between 2008 and 2012.*

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

**School leavers 2008-2012**



by just over    by the same amount    significant changes  
continuous and steady    differences    less marked  
stagnating    more detailed    most noticeable  
fluctuated    the same

At the beginning of the five-year period, about half of the school leavers surveyed looked for work. Of the remaining 500, 300 went to university and 200 took a temporary break from their education. By the end of the five years, however, the figures for those seeking employment and for those taking a break from their education had seen **1**..... The former had fallen **2**..... a hundred, while the latter had risen **3**..... Meanwhile, the number of school leavers going to university was **4**.....

it had been at the beginning of the period. Overall, the **5**..... between the three groups had become **6**.....

A **7**..... look at the graph reveals that the number of school leavers going to university and the number of leavers looking for work **8**..... Between 2008 and 2010, the former increased while the latter decreased. Then in 2011 and 2012, the number of those going to university fell, while after **9**..... briefly in 2011, the number of those looking for employment rose. The number of school leavers taking a break from their education saw a **10**..... rise.

Overall, the **11**..... changes involved the number of school leavers looking for work and those taking a break from education. This shows that more young people planned to enter higher education, even though they decided to wait a while before doing so.

- 3 Now write your answer to this Writing task in about 20 minutes. Your answer should be at least 150 words long.**

*The graph below shows the percentage change in places where students lived over five decades. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

**Types of student accommodation, 1960s-2000s**

