

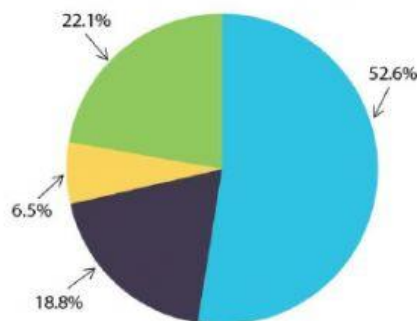
Exercise 2

When comparing two charts, you need to carefully choose the most important information.

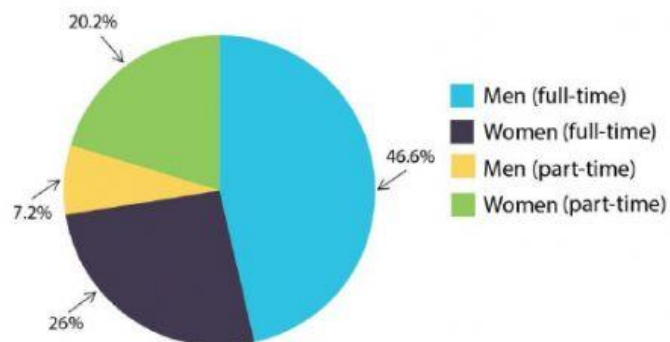
- Look for high numbers, low numbers and equal numbers.
- Remember to look for trends and patterns.
- Look for noticeable differences.

Look at the sentences and decide what type of information they give.

Employment in the UK 1988



Employment in the UK 2012



Key:

Number
(in 1000s)



Total 23,839

Number
(in 1000s)



Total 29,600

This is a key pattern as other numbers changed. This is a key trend. This is a large increase. This is not a key piece of information – small changes are not significant. This is not true – the percentage change was 7.2%. This is not true – women in full-time employment was the greatest percentage change. This is the highest number of employees in all the groups represented. This is the most significant change. This represents a key point – smallest and largest

numbers are important.

1. All the numbers increased.

2. Women in full-time employment rose by 3,214,000.

3. Women working full-time increased by over 8%.

4. The number of men in full-time employment was greatest in both years.

5. The number of women in part-time employment rose very slightly.

6. The greatest percentage change was in men working full-time.

7. 26% of workers in 2012 were women in full-time employment.

8. Men working part-time was the smallest percentage in each year.

9. 13,794,000 men were working full-time in 2012.
