

Exercise 5

Read the information. Then read the sentences. Do they correctly reflect the information shown in the table? Choose Yes if they do or No if they include irrelevant, inaccurate or inappropriate details.

Inclusion of irrelevant, inaccurate or inappropriate details that are not shown in the data will limit a response to Band 6 for Task Achievement in IELTS Writing Task 1:

- irrelevant: this task requires you to objectively analyse and present the key data so do not add information which is not mentioned. Neither should you speculate as to reasons why the data is what it is nor give personal opinions on what the data shows.
- inaccurate: make sure when you do include data from the table that what you write precisely reflects the graphical information. It's a good idea to double check that the data you present is correct when you finish.
- inappropriate: this task should adopt the correct tone and style for a piece of academic writing so avoid informal or colloquial language.

The table below shows the percentage of people employed in six different industries in Country A and predictions for 2025.

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

Employment rate in Country A (1995–2025) (%)				
Industry	1995	2005	2015	2025
Construction	6%	5%	6%	5%
Manufacturing	25%	15%	12%	10%
Retail	12%	13%	13%	12%
Transportation	3%	4%	6%	13%
Finance	3%	5%	8%	15%
Agriculture	20%	10%	0.7%	0.7%

1. The number of people employed in agriculture fell dramatically between 1995 and 2015; needless to say, there is likely to be more unemployment in this area in the future.
 - Yes
 - No
2. Roughly the same percentage of workers were employed in construction during the period 1995 to 2015 and this figure is unlikely to change in the next few years.
 - Yes
 - No
3. The amount of work that those employed in transportation had to do experienced a considerable increase, rising from 3% in 1995 to a predicted 13% in 2025.
 - Yes
 - No
4. Finance has become an extremely important sector for Country A's economy, with its share rising from 3% to 8% by 2015, and if you ask me, this is probably because jobs in the financial sector pay loads of money.
 - Yes
 - No
5. The percentage of people who worked in retail remained constant in 1995, 2005 and 2015, and this trend is unlikely to change considerably by the end of the period shown
 - Yes
 - No
6. It is striking that manufacturing declined during the years 1995, 2005 and 2015, with figures of 25%, 15% and 12%, and, moreover, it is forecast to continue to decrease because nobody likes this type of job.
 - Yes
 - No