

## Unit 2 Writing Task 1 Table and Pie Chart - Internet Use in Europe - Gap Fill

### WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The figures below compare the number of internet users in several European nations as well as the prevalence of online shopping in these countries.*

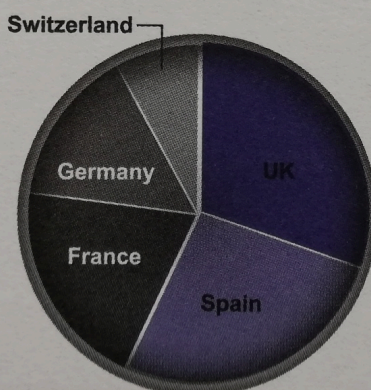
*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

**Total Number of Internet Users (in millions)**

| COUNTRY     | 1995 | 2000 | 2004 |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| Switzerland | 1    | 2    | 4    |
| Germany     | 5    | 14   | 15   |
| France      | 2    | 3    | 6    |
| Spain       | 0.5  | 0.7  | 2    |
| UK          | 16   | 22   | 41   |

**Internet Shopping in Europe (2004)**



## Part One - Model Answer A: IELTS Band 6+

Fill in the blanks with the words and phrases in the box below.

|                                           |                               |                                  |                 |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Meanwhile,</b>                         | <b>while the second shows</b> | <b>Interestingly,</b>            | <b>Clearly,</b> | <b>Meanwhile,</b> |
| <b>The number of British people using</b> |                               | <b>The first figure compares</b> |                 |                   |

\_\_\_\_\_ the number of people connected to the Internet in five European countries in 1995, 2000 and 2004, \_\_\_\_\_ the level of internet shopping in these countries in 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_ Britain had the most internet users. \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet increased dramatically from 16 million in 1995 to 22 million in 2000 and then 41 million in 2004. Germany was second. The number of internet users in this country rose from 5 million in 1995 to 14 million in 2000 and then 15 million in 2004. France had the third most users during this time, with 2 million in 1995, 3 million in 2000 and 6 million in 2004. \_\_\_\_\_ the countries with the fewest internet users were Switzerland and Spain.

\_\_\_\_\_ Britain also had the highest level of internet shopping in 2004. It had twice as much online shopping as Germany and three times as much as Switzerland. \_\_\_\_\_ the levels of internet shopping in France and Spain were slightly lower than that of the UK.

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## Part Two - Model Answer B: IELTS Band 7+

(a) Colour the vocabulary below that matches the answers in the exercise above. Use the same colours. The first one in the introduction has been done for you.

(b) Underline the vocabulary and expressions below that express the size of the numbers and the growth in the numbers. One has been done for you as an example.

(c) Highlight in **yellow** any other vocabulary, expressions or grammar that you like and find interesting. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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It is evident from the information provided that Britain had by far the highest number of internet users in all three years. From 16 million in 1995, the number of British users climbed steadily to 22 million in 2000, before soaring to a staggering 41 million in 2004. Second in terms of internet use was Germany. This country saw a nearly threefold increase during the period in question, from 5 million people in 1995 to 14 million in 2000 and 15 million in 2004. A similar increase took place in France. The two nations with the fewest internet users, meanwhile, were Switzerland and Spain.

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(192 words)

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### Part Three - Writing the Introduction

- You have to write an introduction.
- To do this, take the information in the instructions and rewrite this information in your own words as much as possible by using synonyms and by reordering the sentence.
- You can also take information from the graphs, table, map etc. and add it to your introduction.

### The Information from the Question

*The figures below compare the number of internet users in several European nations as well as the prevalence of online shopping in these countries. (24)*

### The Introduction from Model Answer A

The first figure compares the number of people connected to the Internet in five European countries in 1995, 2000 and 2004, while the second shows the level of internet shopping in these countries in 2004. (35 words)

### The Introduction from Model Answer B

Given are two figures providing a comparison of internet use in five European countries (namely Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain and the UK) in 1995, 2000 and 2004, as well as the popularity of internet shopping in these countries. (38 words)

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## Part Four - Writing

Write your own answer to the question. Use vocabulary and expressions from the answers above and from [IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 Vocabulary, Phrases and Expressions](#).

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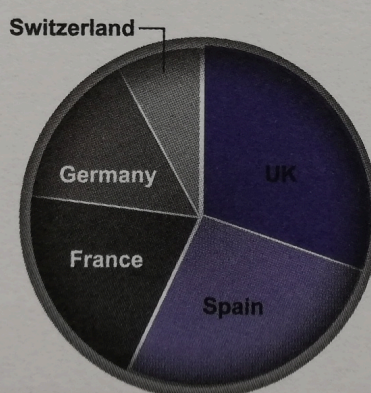
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## Part Five - Additional Model Answers

### Model Answer C

A glance at the provided figures reveals the trend in the volume of Internet users in five countries, namely Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain and the UK, over a 9-year period along with the online shopping sales in 2004.

Overall, all the nations under study witnessed an increase in the number of Internet users, but at different paces. As can be seen from the table, starting at 16 million in 1995, the figure for the UK then grew slightly to 22 million before rocketing to 41 million in 2004. Additionally, this country also came first and was ahead of the second highest, Germany, by a wide margin. More specifically, in Germany, 5 million people had access to the Internet in 1994 and this number tripled at the end of the period. To turn to Switzerland and France, these countries had practically the same numbers, ranking third and fourth respectively, whereas the lowest figures belonged to Spain, only 2 million in 2004.

When it comes to the popularity of Internet shopping, France dominated as it accounted for the majority of the total sales. Besides, Switzerland and Germany came next. However, the figures for the two remaining countries, the UK and Spain, were absent.

(201 words)

### **Model Answer D**

A glance at figures provided reveals some information about the Internet usage in Europe. The first compares the number of Internet users of five different countries in three separate years: 1995, 2000 and 2004. The second shows data about online shopping in France, Germany and Switzerland in 2004.

As can be seen from the table, there was an upward trend in the number of people using the Internet during the period from 1995 to 2004. It is also apparent that the figure in Britain was considerably higher than in other European countries.

In 1995, the figure recorded in the UK was about 16 million. After that, it soared to 22 and 41 in 2000 and 2004 respectively. The second in terms of internet users was Germany, with 5 million in 1995. This country saw a threefold increase during the given period to stand at 15 in 2004. France

experienced the same pattern as Germany. In 1995, the number of people using the Internet was estimated to be about 2 million. Then, this figure rose by 1 million, followed by an exponential increase of 3 million in 2004. Switzerland and Spain had the fewest internet users among European countries with 1 and 0.5 respectively in 1995. However, these countries experienced by far the greatest changes in the number of internet users over the period, with a fourfold jump in 2004.

It is noticeable from the pie chart that Internet shopping was more common in France than other countries.

(248 words)

### **Model Answer E**

The bar chart details the percentage of internet users according to nation and the pie chart delineates how much individuals from those same countries spent on average shopping online. Looking from an overall perspective, it is readily apparent that Sweden had by far the largest proportion of the population using the internet followed by the UK, German, France, and Spain.

There were slight differences in terms of spending as the UK spent the most over Sweden, France, Germany and then Spain, which had a marginal figure overall. Considering the table firstly, Swedish citizens used the internet most often at 35%. This figure was nearly double the United Kingdom (20%) and each subsequent nation was 5% lower with Germany at 15%, France at 10%, and Spain at 5%.

For spending, the UK had the highest figure (€87), slightly above Sweden at €76. There was a large drop to France at €57 and Germany at €46. Spain trailed the other nations considerably and residents spent just €10 per person on average.

(169 words)

### **Analysis**

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Looking from an overall perspective, it is readily apparent that Sweden had by far the largest proportion of the population using the internet followed by the UK, German, France, and Spain. **3.** There were slight differences in terms of spending as the UK spent the most over Sweden, France, Germany and then Spain, which had a marginal figure overall.

1. ***Paraphrase what the table shows.***
2. ***Write a clear overview summarising the differences.***
3. ***You might need another sentence for your overview.***

**1.** Considering the table firstly, Swedish citizens used the internet most often at 35%. **2.** This figure was nearly double the United Kingdom (20%) and each subsequent nation was 5% lower with Germany at 15%, France at 10%, and Spain at 5%.

1. ***Begin writing about the data for the first categories.***
2. ***Make sure you compare as much as possible.***

**1.** For spending, the UK had the highest figure (€87), slightly above Sweden at €76. **2.** There was a large drop to France at €57 and Germany at €46. **3.** Spain trailed the other nations considerably and residents spent just €10 per person on average.

1. ***Write about the final, other parts of the graph – include everything!***
2. ***Compare the categories.***
3. ***Don't leave anything out!***

## Vocabulary

***What do the words in bold below mean? Take some notes on a piece of paper to aid your memory:***

The bar chart **details** the **percentage** of **internet users according to** nation and the pie chart **delineates** how much individuals from those same countries **spent on average shopping online**. **Looking from an overall perspective, it is readily apparent that** Sweden had **by far** the largest **proportion** of the population using the internet **followed by** the UK, German, France, and Spain. There were **slight differences in terms of** spending as the UK spent the most over Sweden, France, Germany and then Spain, which had a **marginal figure overall**.

**Considering** the table firstly, Swedish citizens used the internet most often at 35%. This figure was **nearly double** the United Kingdom (20%) and each **subsequent** nation was 5% **lower** with Germany at 15%, France at 10%, and Spain at 5%.



For spending, the UK had the **highest figure** (€87), **slightly above** Sweden at €76. There was a **large drop** to France at €57 and Germany at €46. Spain **trailed** the other nations **considerably** and **residents** spent just €10 **per person** on average.

## Answers

*Try to write down or think of an antonym/opposite word for further practice:*

**details** hows

**percentage** %

**internet users** people online

**according to** as it relates to

**delineates** describes

**spent on average shopping online** the normal amount of money used to buy items on the internet

**Looking from an overall perspective, it is readily apparent that** overall

**by far** a lot more than

**proportion** ratio, percentage

**followed by** before

**slight differences** small divergences

**in terms of** when it comes to

**marginal figure overall** low numbers in general

**considering** looking at

**nearly double** almost twice as much

**subsequent** after that

**lower** less than

**highest figure** biggest number

**slightly above** a little over

**large drop** big decline

**trailed** were behind

**considerably** much more

**residents** people living there

**per person** for each individual

## Vocabulary Practice

**Remember and fill in the blanks. Note it on a piece of paper so you can remember better:**

The bar chart d\_\_\_\_\_s the p\_\_\_\_\_e of i\_\_\_\_\_s a\_\_\_\_\_o nation and the pie chart d\_\_\_\_\_s how much individuals from those same countries s\_\_\_\_\_e.

L\_\_\_\_\_t Sweden had b\_\_\_\_\_r the largest p\_\_\_\_\_n of the population using the internet f\_\_\_\_\_y the UK, German, France, and Spain. There were s\_\_\_\_\_s i\_\_\_\_\_f spending as the UK spent the most over Sweden, France, Germany and then Spain, which had a m\_\_\_\_\_l.

C\_\_\_\_\_g the table firstly, Swedish citizens used the internet most often at 35%. This figure was n\_\_\_\_\_e the United Kingdom (20%) and each s\_\_\_\_\_t nation was 5% l\_\_\_\_\_r with Germany at 15%, France at 10%, and Spain at 5%.

For spending, the UK had the h\_\_\_\_\_e (€87), s\_\_\_\_\_e Sweden at €76. There was a l\_\_\_\_\_p to France at €57 and Germany at €46. Spain t\_\_\_\_\_d the other nations c\_\_\_\_\_y and r\_\_\_\_\_s spent just €10 p\_\_\_\_\_n on average.

## Model Answer F: IELTS 7+

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## Part Six - Model Sentence Structures

Each group of sentences has been coloured according to the different vocabulary and expressions that have the same meaning to show how to write at higher levels.

### Sentence 1

#### IELTS 5

Germany **was the second** **when it came to** internet use.

#### IELTS 6

Germany **was the second** **in terms of** internet use.

#### IELTS 7+

**Second** **in terms of** internet use **was** Germany.

### Sentence 2

#### IELTS 5

The number of internet users in this country **increased threefold** **during this time**.

#### IELTS 6

There was **a threefold increase** in the number of internet users in this country **during the period in question**.

#### IELTS 7+

This country saw **a threefold increase** **during the period in question**.

### Sentence 3

#### IELTS 5

There was a similar increase in France.

IELTS 6

France saw a similar increase.

IELTS 7+

A similar increase took place in France.

Sentence 4

IELTS 5

Actually, internet shopping was two times as popular in Britain as it was in Germany and three times more popular than in Switzerland.

IELTS 6

In fact, internet shopping was twice as prevalent in Britain as it was in Germany and three times more prevalent than in Switzerland.

IELTS 7+

In fact, the prevalence of internet shopping in Britain was double that of Germany and triple that of Switzerland.

Part Seven - Academic Vocabulary

| Basic                 | Intermediate               | Advanced                         |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                       | compare (v)                | provide a comparison of          |
| level (n)             |                            | popularity (n)<br>prevalence (n) |
| increase (n, v)       | rise (n/v)<br>climb (n, v) |                                  |
| increase dramatically |                            | soar (v)                         |
| clearly (adv)         |                            | It is evident from the           |

|                     |                       |                                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
|                     |                       | information provided that      |
| interestingly (adv) |                       | it is interesting to note that |
| internet shopping   | online shopping       |                                |
|                     | Britain (n)<br>The UK |                                |

## Part Eight - Test Your Comprehension

Answer these questions by highlighting A, B or C.

1. Which of these synonyms should only be used when speaking?

- A. Happen.
- B. Occur.
- C. Take place.

2. Which sentence is correct?

- A. British had the most internet users.
- B. Britain have the most internet users.
- C. Britain had the most internet users.

3. “Staggering” (see Model Answer B) means:

- A. Only.
- B. Very big.
- C. Stumbling.

4. Which of these sentences is not correct?

- A. The number of people using the Internet increased threefold.
- B. There was a threefold increase in internet use.
- C. Internet use have threefold increased.



**Answer these questions by writing YES or NO.**

5. “Internet” always starts with a CAPITAL LETTER.

6. You must always put “the” before “Internet”.

7. “A threefold increase” (see Model Answer B) is a 300 percent increase.

8. “Meanwhile” (see both model answers) should always come at the start of a sentence.

9. Internet use in France doubled between 2000 and 2004.

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