

IELTS Writing Task 1. Describing a Chart.

Make notes and answer these questions from the video

<http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-bar-chart-tips-and-techniques-for-a-high-score/>

This is a very useful website for when you get closer to your test.

1. What main points does she mention about writing the introduction?

Paraphrase most words, use academic vocabulary, brackets can be used

2. What was missing from the chart description that she added in the introduction?

An introduction to the units of measurement in the graph (pounds sterling for this one)

3. Why should we pay special attention to the date?

So we know which tense to use

4. How many sentences should your introduction be?

one or two sentences

5. If you have no overview, then you can not get higher than a _____ on task response, and task response is worth _____ % of your writing score.

5, 25%

6. What are the key features of the overview?

the highest and lowest points of the chart

7. What makes a good overview?

to include all the key features of the graph

8. What word does the overview start with? Why?

overall, - so the examiner can identify that it's an overview

9. How many key features are in her overview?

3

10. How many features should you normally have?

2-5

11. How many body paragraphs does she feature?

2

12. What's important about the organization of the body paragraphs?

that they are coherent, logical and easy to read.

13. What will happen if your sentences in the body paragraphs are not supported by data?

You can only get band score 5 for one of the criteria of 'task achievement'

14. Can you put information in brackets?

yes

15. Can you use symbols instead of unit names? (For example "\$" instead of "dollars")

yes

16. What does 'respectively' mean?

The order of the numbers follows the order in the sentence