

IELTS Writing Correction Sample: Report (Detailed feedback)

WRITING TASK 1

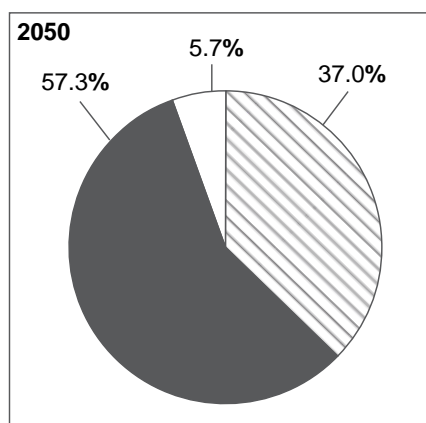
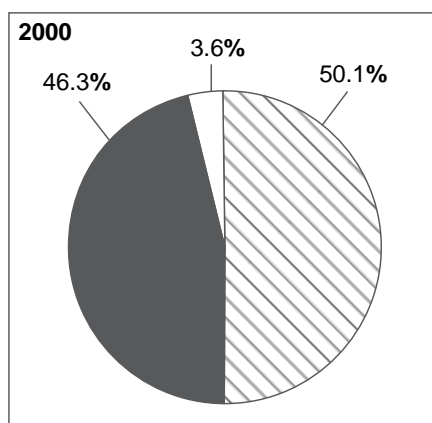
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The charts below give information on the ages of the populations of Yemen and Italy in 2000 and projections for 2050.

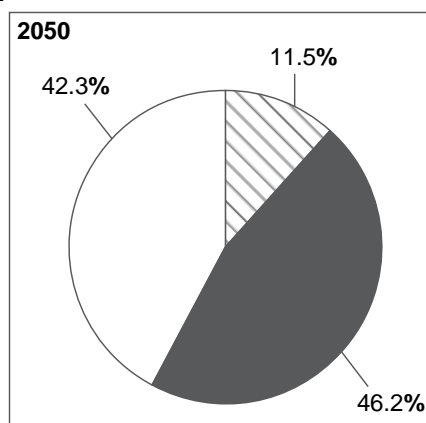
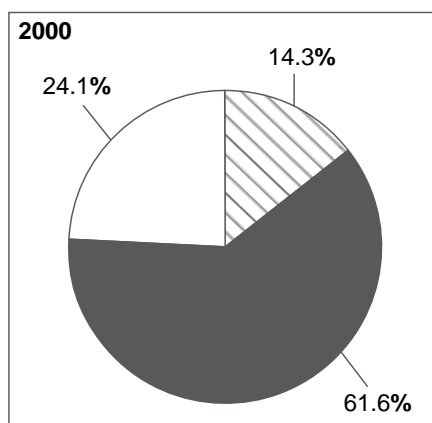
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.




Write at least 150 words.

YEMEN



ITALY



 0-14 years
  15-59 years
  60+ years

The charts illustrate the proportion of people of different ages in 2000 in two countries: Yemen and Italy and also forecast the data for the year 2050.

According to the charts, the main age-bracket of the population in Yemen will change from people below 15 years old to those between 15 and 59 years old. However, people who were -65-60 years old and more-over comprised the least-smallest portion of the population in Yemen in 2000 and in 2050 this same trend will persist.

The trend in Italy is slightly-very different. Although people who were between 15 and 59 years old were the largest population group in Italy, the number will decrease sharply from-2000 to-by 2050. 61.6% of people were in the range of 15 and 59 years old, but it is predicted that in 2050, people in this certain age-range of-age will only take 46.2%. On the other hand, the number of people at 60 years old and more-over will increase significantly. The proportion of people at-of 60 years old and above in 2050 is almost as twice as in 2000.

In summary, the trends of the change on the ages of people in Yemen and Italy in 2000 and projections for 2050 are different.

Word count: 206

DETAILED FEEDBACK

Band Criteria	Band	Remarks (refer to public band descriptors)
Task Achievement	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> generally addresses the task; the format may be inappropriate in places recounts detail mechanically with no clear overview; there may be no data to support the description presents, but inadequately covers, key features/bullet points; there may be a tendency to focus on detail
Coherence and Cohesion	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> logically organises information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately although there may be some under-/over-use
Lexical Resource	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to allow some flexibility and precision uses less common lexical items with some awareness of style and collocation may produce occasional errors in word choice, spelling and/or word formation
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses a variety of complex structures produces frequent error-free sentences has good control of grammar and punctuation but may make a few errors

Concluding remarks

The following remarks, observations and corrections are based purely on the attached task and using public access IELTS Writing Band Descriptors for guidance.

See more: https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/IELTS_task_1_Writing_band_descriptors.pdf

Paragraph 1: The introduction is a reformulated version of the task introduction and works relatively well. There could be other ways of introducing the task, but that doesn't mean better ones. I would only have considered bringing the two years together in the description, rather than splitting them by inserting the two country names in between.

Paragraph 2: The pie charts deal with age brackets, not actual ages so keep that clear to avoid confusion in your message or a question about the accuracy of what you are saying. Be careful to refer to data accurately. It is in the task so no excuse to misquote it. The final age group is 60+, not 65+. In words this is said as 60 and over, not more. Least is used in negative superlatives with the adjective or with uncountable nouns. Portion is countable and so use smallest to describe it. Finally,

your paragraph on Yemen was not supported with any data from the charts, unlike the one for Italy which has data included as percentages, albeit few.

Paragraph 3: The trends in Italy are very different to those in Yemen: For the age groups 0-14, 15-59 and 60+ the percentage changes are approximately down by 25%, up by 20% and up by 45% respectively. In Italy they are approximately down by 20%, down by 45% and up by 85% respectively. These differences are not slight. No need to refer to changes as "from 2000 to 2050": "by 2050" is more effective and elegant. In the final sentence consider the following ending structure for more sophisticated English: "The proportion of people of 60 years old and above in 2050 is almost *that of 2000.*"

Paragraph 4: This should be an overview but is not. The sentence carries no valuable information about the task's content and certainly doesn't give the reader any idea of what the task charts teach us. Consider instead something like: *Whilst both the youngest and oldest age groups are set to drop in both countries by 2050, the 15-59 age bracket will grow in Yemen but fall in Italy.*

A poor overview and lack of data limit your chances of more than a 5 in Task Achievement. Your organisation was clear and with some referencing being clear, a 7 seems likely. The language is good in this task, but mistakes with collocations make higher than a 7 in lexis unlikely. In Grammar it is the range of grammar that limits: there are opportunities to use relative clauses using "whose" for example and other forms of the future that could show a broader range.

Band Score Estimate: 6.5