

## IELTS

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Christchurch  
Multiple Diagrams

### BASIC CONTENT

1. Group (Males/Females)
2. Trend (increased/rise; decreased/fell)
3. Data (from 10% to 20%)
4. Time (between 1990 and 2020)

The percentage of males gradually increased from around 10% to roughly 22% between 1990 and 2020; an increase of roughly 12%.

**The percentage of females suddenly decreased from 33% to 16% between 1990 and 2020; a rough drop of 17%.**

*The percentage of males gradually increased from around 10% to roughly 22% between 1990 and 2020; an increase of roughly 12%, but females suddenly decreased from 33% to 16% during the same time; a dramatic drop of 17%.*

### FANBOYS

For

And

Nor

But (however)

Or

Yet (but/however)

So

Approximations/Estimations:

Roughly + noun: A rise of + roughly/about/around/approximately + Data.

A. Adverb + Data: ...roughly 20%

B. Article + Adjective + Noun: A rough increase of 20%

### Same periods of time:

- during the same time
- around the same period
- throughout the same years/months/days/time

### Semi-colon:

**S V O;**

### Comparative Sentences

- **Comparative Adjectives:** higher/lower/fewer/more
- **Superlative Adjectives:** highest/lowest/most/least

### Subject + Verb + Comparative Adjective + than + Noun

e.g., The proportion of students studying Japanese was higher than the amount of learners taking English courses.

### Lexical Resource for a Pie Graph

Proportion = slice of a pie graph

Slice

Amount

Section

### Prepositional Phrases:

- The proportion of + GROUP NOUN + v + o
- The amount of + GROUP NOUN + v + o
- The slice of + GROUP NOUN + v + o
- The percentage of + GROUP NOUN + v + o

### Sentence Starters

- Within the pie graph, S + V + O
- As for the proportion represented by + GROUP NOUN
- In the segmented illustrated by + GROUP NOUN

### Adverb:

- Equally
- Proportionally
- Distinctly
- Noticeably/Clearly

### **Simple Sentence (<5.5)**

Subject + Verb + Object

= Andy and Paul ate watermelon.

### **Compound Sentences (<6.5)**

Subject + Verb + Object + FANBOYS + Subject + Verb + Object

E.g., The proportion of new students increased in 2020, but the slice of graduates decreased throughout 2021.

- For (because)
- And
- Nor
- But
- Or
- Yet
- So

### **Complex Sentences (7.0+)**

**Subject + Verb + Object + SC + Subject + Verb + Object**

A. Subordinating Conjunctions

although  
though  
whereas

e.g., **My mother loves Chinese food though I prefer Thai cuisine.**

B. Relative Pronouns

that  
which

e.g., Starting with the pie graph, it can be observed that the proportion of budget spent on Buildings and Transport with 17% in 2017 was larger than the slice of funds used for Technology with 8% in the same year.

**Overall, it can be seen that the total budget increased during the two-year period.**

She is the student who studies with me in class.

### **Compound and Complex Sentence**

Overall, it can be seen that the total budget increased during the two-year period, but the cost of salaries clearly decreased.