

Writing

The Writing component takes 60 minutes to complete and consists of two tasks. Task 1 requires candidates to write at least 150 words and Task 2 requires candidates to write at least 250 words. For both tasks, candidates need to demonstrate their ability to write a response which is appropriate in terms of content, vocabulary and the organisation of ideas.

Academic Writing

In Task 1, candidates are presented with a graph, table, chart or diagram. They are asked to describe, summarise or explain the information in their own words. They may be asked to describe and explain data, describe the stages of a process, how something works or describe an object or event.

In Task 2, candidates are asked to write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

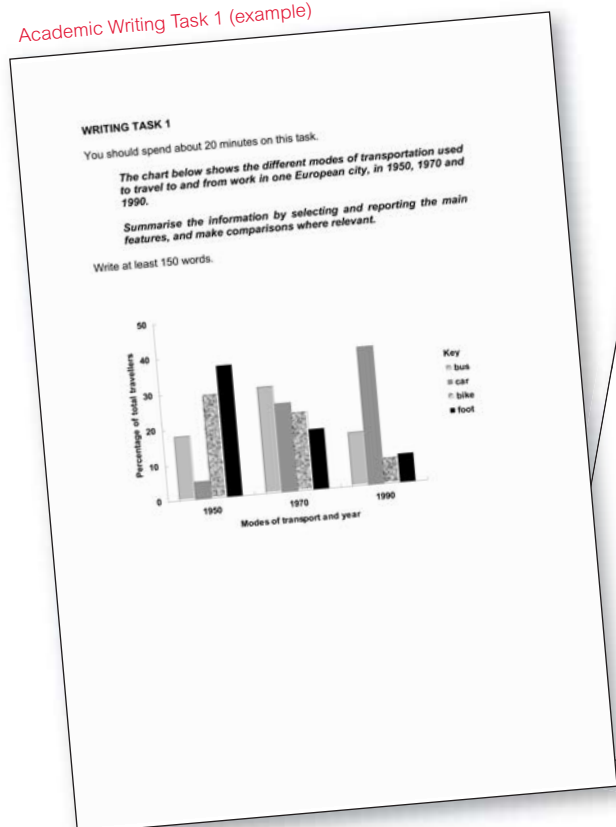
Candidates are required to write in a formal style for both tasks.

General Training Writing

In Task 1, candidates are presented with a situation and asked to write a letter requesting information or explaining the situation. The letter may be personal, semi-formal or formal in style.

In Task 2, candidates are asked to write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem. The essay may be formal in style but the response may be slightly more personal than in Academic Writing Task 2.

Academic Writing Task 1 (example)



General Training Writing Task 1 (example)

WRITING TASK 1
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You are interested in doing a computer course at your local college.

Write a letter to the college. In your letter

- explain why you want to do this course
- give information about your educational background and computer skills
- ask some questions about the course

Write at least 150 words.

You do **NOT** need to write any addresses.

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear Sir or Madam,