IELTSassistance

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**Task 1**

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the results of a survey about people's coffee and tea buying and drinking habits in five Australian cities.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Coffee and tea buying and drinking habits in five cities in Australia
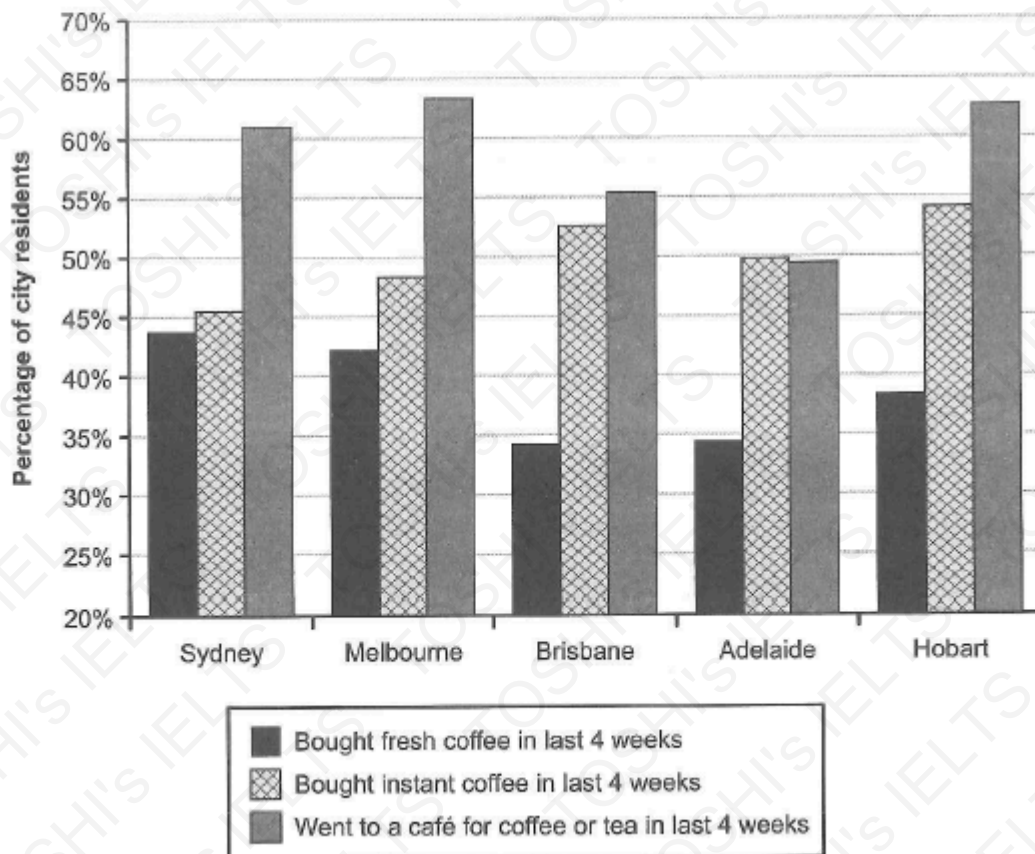
Answer

The bar chart illustrates the people's way of having coffee and tea in five Australian cities **during the last four weeks**. **Overall, in all cities except for** Adelaide, the majority of people were likely to visit a café for these beverages while, buying fresh coffee **is the least popular** and buying instant coffee is in between.

Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart showed a similar trend, where almost the same proportion of people at around 63%, **which is far higher than** any other cities, answered to visit cafés. **As fo**r instant coffee, it is the most popular in Hobart at below 55% whereas least in Sydney at just over 45%. Buying fresh coffee, **which is relatively less popular compared to** other habits, is most observed in Sydney at approximately 43% **which is** slightly higher than Melbourne only **by a few percent.**

In the other two cities, Brisbane and Adelaide, going to café **is relatively less popular compared to** aforementioned three cities at just above 55% and less than 50%, respectively. **These cities saw the lowest proportion of buying fresh** coffee at almost the same percentage of less than 35%. In Adelaide, **the trend is unique** where instant coffee is **a little more popular than** visiting cafés by a few percent.

201 words

Grammatical and lexical mistakes

Corrected in the text above and underlined

Repetition of words
Popular / Most Popular: preferred, favored, widely chosen, well-liked, dominant
Proportion: percentage, share, segment, fraction
Least Popular: less favored, the least preferred, the least common choice, rarely chosen
Similar / Almost Same: comparable, alike, resembling, nearly identical, close in percentage
Trend: pattern, behavior, tendency, practice, habit
Café: coffee shop, coffeehouse,
Cities: places, locations, regions, or just leaving out the word city: the other 2 ~~cities~~
Few Percent: a small percentage, a minor difference, slightly higher/lower

Letter Score

Task Achievement (8)

▉▉▉▉, you have done a good job identifying the key trends and providing an overview of the data. You've correctly noted that visiting cafés is the most popular activity, and you've included relevant comparisons between fresh and instant coffee consumption. However, some of your observations could be more precise. For instance, the statement "buying fresh coffee is the least popular" is not fully accurate, as fresh coffee is more popular than instant coffee in Sydney.

To improve, ensure you include more specific details. For example, when discussing Adelaide, instead of saying "less than 50%," mention the exact figure (around 49%). Additionally, your observation about Adelaide's unique trend could be better developed by comparing it more explicitly with other cities.

Coherence and Cohesion (Band 7)

Your response is logically organized, and you've grouped cities effectively into two categories (e.g., Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart versus Brisbane and Adelaide). This structure is helpful for clarity. However, some transitions between ideas could be smoother. For example, when moving from the first group of cities to the second, you could use a linking phrase like, *"In contrast, the other two cities, Brisbane and Adelaide, display slightly different trends."*

Additionally, there are minor instances of redundancy, such as "almost same proportion of people at around 63%, which is far higher than any other cities." This could be rewritten more concisely to improve cohesion.

Lexical Resource (Band 6.5)

You've used some good vocabulary, such as "relatively less popular" and "unique trend," which enhances your response. However, there is noticeable repetition of phrases like "most popular," "least popular," and "same proportion." To raise your score, aim for greater lexical variety. For example:

- Replace "most popular" with "the preferred option" or "dominant trend."
- Use "less common" instead of "least popular."

Some word choices could also be refined. For example, the phrase *"the people's way of having coffee and tea"* could be rewritten as *"people's habits of consuming coffee and tea."*

Grammatical Range and Accuracy (Band 6)

Your grammar is the area that needs the most improvement, █████. While your ideas are clear, several errors affect the accuracy and fluency of your writing. For example:

- Articles: "The bar chart illustrates the people's way..." should be *"The bar chart illustrates people's habits..."* "majority of people were likely to visit café" should be *"the majority of people were likely to visit cafés."*
- Word Order: "in Australian five cities" should be *"in five Australian cities."*
- Total lack of passive voice used in the whole Task 1 writing

Improving to Achieve a Higher Score

Task Achievement

Clear Structure: ████████████, ensure that your essay follows a logical structure with distinct sections. Start with an introduction that paraphrases the task and gives a clear overview of the trends. In the body paragraphs, group cities with similar patterns (e.g., Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart in one paragraph, Brisbane and Adelaide in another) to make comparisons clearer. Use a concluding sentence to summarize the overall findings or highlight a unique feature.

Precise Observations: When describing the data, be specific and avoid vague terms like "a few percent" or "less than 50%." For example, instead of writing, "buying fresh coffee is the least popular," say, "fresh coffee was purchased by approximately 43% of Sydney residents, which was higher than in any other city." Including exact percentages wherever possible demonstrates attention to detail.

Highlight Unique Trends: Focus on interesting patterns, such as Adelaide being the only city where buying instant coffee was more popular than visiting cafés. Explicitly compare this to other cities to show a deeper analysis, e.g., "Unlike Adelaide, where 50% preferred instant coffee, Sydney showed a stronger preference for fresh coffee and café visits."

Coherence and Cohesion

Smooth Transitions: To make your writing flow better, use linking words and phrases to connect ideas. For instance, when switching from Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart to Brisbane and Adelaide, use phrases like *"By contrast"* or *"In comparison to the first group."* This will help guide the reader through the differences and similarities.

Avoid Repetition: Instead of repeatedly saying, "X is most popular," vary your sentence structure. For example, write, "The majority of residents favored visiting cafés" or "Café visits emerged as the dominant choice in most cities." Using varied language will make your essay more engaging.

Lexical Resource

Expand Vocabulary: ⬛⬛⬛, you've used some strong vocabulary, but there's room for variety. For example, replace "popular" with words like *"preferred,"* *"favored,"* or *"dominant."* Use synonyms for "proportion," such as *"percentage"* or *"share."* These changes will make your writing more dynamic and improve your lexical range.

Paraphrase More Effectively: Instead of repeating phrases from the task or chart, rephrase them creatively. For instance, instead of "coffee and tea drinking habits," say, "patterns of beverage consumption." This demonstrates a wider vocabulary and reduces reliance on the original wording.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Improve Sentence Structure: Focus on reducing errors by keeping sentences concise and clear. For example, rewrite *"Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart showed the similar trend, where almost same proportion of people at around 63%..."* as *"Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart showed similar patterns, with approximately 63% of residents visiting cafés."* Shorter sentences will improve accuracy and readability.

Pay Attention to Articles and Word order: ⬛⬛⬛, ensure correct usage of articles (e.g., "the" and "a") and prepositions. For instance, instead of *"in Australian five cities,"* write *"in five Australian cities."* These small changes can significantly boost your grammatical score.

Passive voice: ⬛⬛⬛, this is the biggest upgrade you can do for task 1: the inclusion of passive voice. This will expand your grammatical range and will really have a tremendous impact on your Task 1 score.

- A similar trend was observed in Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart, where approximately 63% of people were reported to visit cafés, a proportion far higher than in other cities.
- Fresh coffee purchases are considered less popular compared to other habits, with approximately 43% of residents in Sydney being reported to buy it—a percentage slightly higher than that of Melbourne.
- In Adelaide, a unique trend is observed where instant coffee is preferred slightly more often than visiting cafés by a few percent.

Model

The bar chart illustrates the coffee and tea consumption habits of people in five Australian cities—Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Hobart—over the last four weeks. Overall, visiting cafés was the most popular activity in four cities, while Adelaide showed a unique trend where instant coffee consumption slightly surpassed café visits.

Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart shared similar patterns in coffee and tea preferences. In all three cities, visiting cafés was the dominant choice, with approximately 63% of residents engaging in this activity. This figure was significantly higher than any other habit in these cities. However, the consumption of instant coffee and fresh coffee differed slightly. Hobart saw the highest preference for instant coffee, with just under 55%, while Sydney had the lowest at about 45%. In terms of fresh coffee, Sydney led with around 43%, marginally higher than Melbourne.

In contrast, Brisbane and Adelaide displayed different trends. While visiting cafés remained popular in Brisbane (just above 55%), it fell to below 50% in Adelaide, making it the least popular city for this activity. Instead, instant coffee was the most consumed in Adelaide, with around 50%, compared to Brisbane's slightly lower figure of just under 50%. Fresh coffee was the least preferred option in both cities, with similar percentages below 35%.