

IELTS 11 Test 2 Writing Task 1

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The two pie charts give information on the percentages of UK students studying at a particular English university who could speak languages ⁸ English (LOTE) in the ¹² 2000 and 2010.

From the charts, it can be seen that the percentage of English students who were monolingual with English as their ² tongue ⁶ significantly, while those ¹¹ in other languages shown, apart from ⁷ , saw a marked ¹⁴ .

In 2000, as many as one in five British students at the university did not speak a LOTE. However, by a decade later, the proportion had ¹⁰ to half this amount. ⁹ , 15% of the surveyed students were able to speak French in 2000, and by 2010, it had fallen to 10%.

On the other hand, the percentages of the university's British student body who were ³ in German, Spanish or another language in 2000 were 10%, 30% and 15% ⁴ , and by 2010, these ⁵ had seen noticeable ¹³ to 15%, 35% and 20%. In addition, British students who spoke two LOTEs had jumped from 10% to 15% during the same ¹ .

(183 words)

Across

2. a parent
3. good at something (starts with 'p')
5. a synonym of 'numbers' or 'values'
6. a synonym of 'went down'
8. a synonym of 'apart from' (2 words w/ space)
10. the past participle of a synonym of 'go down'
11. able, capable, good enough at something
12. a unit of time
14. a synonym of the noun 'rise'

Down

1. a specified length of time
4. an adverb to link A, B, C etc with X, W, Z etc.
7. one of the two official languages of Canada
9. a conjunctive adverb for comparing, meaning 'In the same way'
13. a synonym of the plural noun 'increases'

Complete the crossword to complete the model answer

