

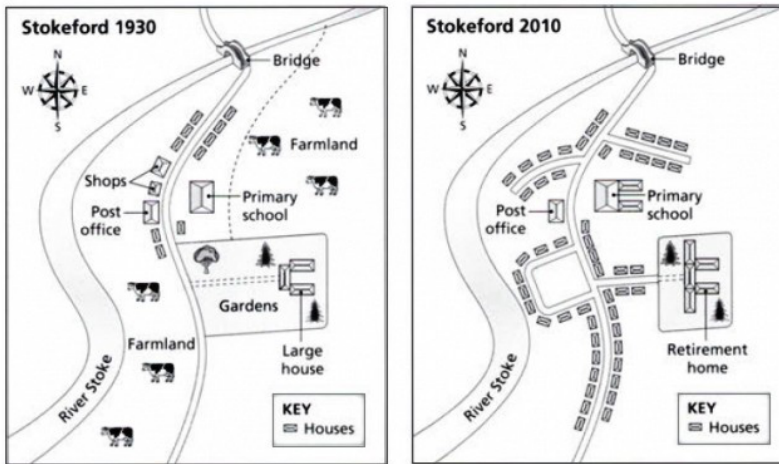
Task 1 question:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and 2010.

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

Write at least 150 words.



Student's answer with suggested corrections:

The map illustrates how Stokeford village had developed over 80 years from 1930 to 2010.

Overall, there ~~had been were~~ significant changes in infrastructure, housing and facilities over the period given.

In 1930, there was one main road, which ~~was ran next to along~~ the eastern side of the River Stoke, ~~running snaking~~ through the village from north east to south, with a bridge ~~in the north western part of the crossing the river in the north~~. In the centre of the village, facilities such as 2 shops, a post office and a primary school ~~were had been~~ constructed, while houses were sparsely located near ~~to~~ the facilities, ~~and a~~ large house was located ~~in a garden next to south east of~~ the primary school ~~and separated from the main road by gardens~~. Large areas of the village were used as farmlands, which were mainly situated in the north east and south west of ~~Stokeford the village~~.

By 2010, the bridge and the post office ~~are were~~ still in Stokeford, but there was no more farmland ~~and or~~ shops in the village. ~~More roads~~ Two side streets and crescent street ~~are had been extended laid down~~ from the main road ~~and to service plenty the abundance~~ of houses ~~are~~ built along them. Although the primary school and the large house ~~are were~~ still in their same locations, ~~but~~ the primary school ~~is had had two new parallel blocks erected on its eastern side modified and become bigger, while whereas~~ the large house ~~is had had extensions further~~ constructed on the northern and southern sides and ~~had been converted as into~~ a retirement home.

Comment [U1]: I think 'and' is also ok, but I would use 'or' because 'or' with negative keep two unrelated items separate whereas 'and' combines them.

Comment [U2]: 'the' is also ok, but I would choose 'their' because it fits better with the plural phrase 'same locations', and it links each item to its respective location.

Teacher's comments in the four areas of the band descriptors:

Task Achievement

- presents and adequately highlights key features/ bullet points but some details may be inaccurate:
 - “main road, (..), running through from north east to south west” is a little inaccurate. I think, for the road, “north to south” or “north-east to south” would be more accurate
 - “a bridge in the north-western part of the river” doesn't link up to the previously mentioned “north east” location of the start of the main road
 - “...post office and a primary school were constructed” (these might have been constructed earlier than 1930, not in 1930). Hence, the need for “had been constructed” (not “were constructed”) to convey the more accurate meaning

Coherency and Cohesion

- Information and ideas are organised logically; there is clear progression throughout
- Uses cohesive devices appropriately (e.g. Overall) although there may be some under-use
- Referencing is used appropriately (e.g. “built along them”, “still in the same locations”)

Lexical Resource

- uses an adequate range of vocabulary for the task with a one less common word (sparsely)
- some inaccuracy: “near to” should be “near” (note: “close to” would also be acceptable)
- paraphrases where necessary. E.g. “further constructed as a” for “(extended and) converted into a”

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

- uses a mix of simple and complex sentence forms
- makes some errors in grammar and punctuation but they rarely reduce communication:
 - “Overall, there had been significant changes” should be “Overall, there were significant changes” as the statement refers to “over the period” and does not require backshifting to past perfect (unless converted to indirect speech). This is a very minor error, and some might not notice it. Alternatively, “By 2010, there had been significant changes” would be correct.
 - Used present tense “the post office are still in Stokeford”, but then used past tense “there was no more farmland”, and then back to present tense “More roads are extended” (I would stick to past tense for everything – either past simple or past perfect “By 2010, the bridge and the post office were still there, but there were no more shops...)
 - Use either “Although ..., ...” or “..., but ...” but not both in “Although the primary school...”
 - Use past perfect passive instead of present simple passive: “the primary school is modified and become bigger whereas the large house is further constructed...” because present simple passive means that it happens regularly rather than happened in the past.