Graph Writing

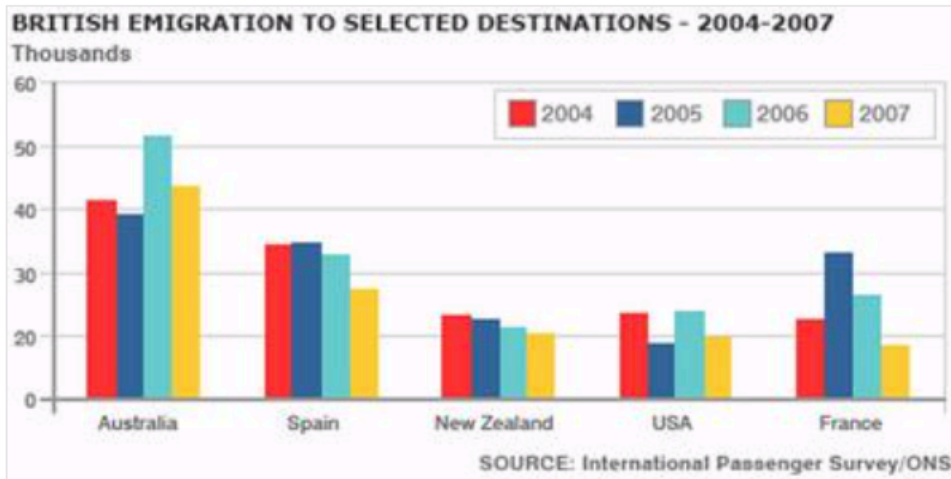## Avoid Band 5 for IELTS Task Achievement

In this activity we'll look at how to avoid something that could lead to you getting a band 5 for Task Achievement.

You want to avoid that!

Take a look at the paragraphs below which are taken from a description of the graphs (they are just paragraph extracts - not the full description).
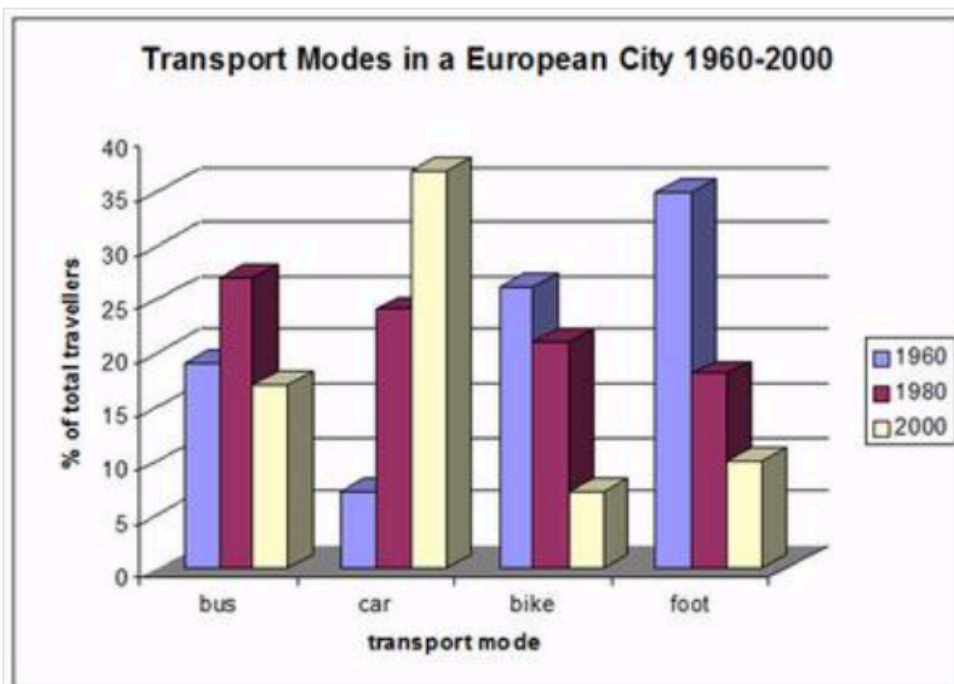
Each paragraph has the same problem, a problem that could lead to **a band 5 or even lower** for Task Achievement if it is repeated regularly in the response.

What is wrong with these descriptions?

BRITISH EMIGRATION TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS - 2004-2007

Thousands

Legend: 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007

SOURCE: International Passenger Survey/ONS

The next most popular country for Britons to move to was Spain, though its popularity declined over the time frame to finish at below 30,000 in 2007. Britons are likely to be moving there because of the better weather. Despite this, the figure was still higher than for the remaining three countries. Approximately 20,000 people emigrated to New Zealand each year, while the USA fluctuated between 20-25,000 people over the period.

Transport Modes in a European City 1960-2000

% of total travellers

transport mode: bus, car, bike, foot

Legend: 1960 | 1980 | 2000

In detail, in 1960 the motor car was used least as a method of transport with only about 7% of the population using this method but car use grew steadily and strongly to finally reach about 37% of the population by 2000. This was a massive 5-fold increase in use. The growing use of cars is a real problem because of the pollution that it causes.

Answers:

The problem with the paragraphs were that they had **irrelevant information / personal opinion.** You can see it in red:

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Graph One:

The next most popular country for Britons to move to was Spain, though its popularity declined over the time frame to finish at below 30,000 in 2007. *Britons are likely to be moving there because of the better weather.* *Despite this, the figure was still higher than for the remaining three countries. Approximately 20,000 people emigrated to New Zealand each year, while the USA fluctuated between 20-25,000 people over the period.*

Graph Two:

In detail, in 1960 the motor car was used least as a method of transport with only about 7% of the population using this method but car use grew steadily and strongly to finally reach about 37% of the population by 2000. This was a massive 5-fold increase in use. *The growing use of cars is a real problem because of the pollution that it causes.*

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In the Academic Task 1 you should only report on the facts that you see in the graph.

You should not speculate on reasons why that data may be as it is. Doing so could easily reduce your Task Achievement band score to a 5 or even a 4 if you do it throughout your description.