

**WRITING TASK 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the number of personal computers and mobile phones per thousand people in six different countries, in 2010.

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

You should write at least 150 words.

<i>Country</i>	<i>Mobiles per 1000 people</i>	<i>PCs per 1000 people</i>
<i>Peru</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>103</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>220</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>502</i>
<i>Malaysia</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>790</i>	<i>382</i>
<i>Iceland</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>413</i>

Based on a real question

Commentary

Normally I want to use a noun clause in the introduction, but it's not easy in this question, although I could say [...] about **how ownership of [...] differed in 6 different countries in 2010.**

Keep the organisation simple. Many students organise by countries with higher mobile then PC ownership, and vice versa. It seems pointlessly complex to me and I recommend you organise it in the simplest and most obvious way, which is one paragraph each for PCs and one for mobiles.



Note that the different countries give you the opportunity to show off your knowledge of countries and nationalities. Note that you can say English people, British people, Icelandic people, and so on for almost every other country, but New Zealand is strange in that there no way to correctly say New Zealand *people*. You have to say New Zealanders or people from New Zealand.

KEY **C&C** **bold**
 LR *italics*
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The chart gives information about ownership of personal computers and mobile phones in 6 different countries in 2010.

Overall, more people owned mobiles than PCs, **although** that was *not the case* in all countries. **With regard to** the *nationalities* shown, *New Zealanders and Icelanders* had by far the *highest ownership* of mobiles, **while the British** owned the most PCs

As far as mobiles are concerned, *Icelandic people* had far more mobiles *per head of population* than any other country, with a figure of over 90%, compared to *just under* 80% in New Zealand and around 70% in the UK. Mobiles were *least widely owned* in Peru and Portugal, **where** only 7% and 10% of *their respective populations* possessed **one**. **Meanwhile**, slightly more than a quarter of *Malaysians* owned a mobile.

Turning to PCs, the *highest ownership* was seen in the UK, **where** over half of the population had a computer. Iceland and New Zealand had *similar levels of ownership*, at around 400 per 1000, **while those** of Malaysia and Peru were *relatively low* at around 10% of the population. **Finally**, around one in five *Portuguese people* had a computer in that year.

192 words

Commented [TG1]: Important lexis for this question

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Commented [TG4]: For a clear overview, which you need for a band score 7 for TA, mention differences in both the countries, and PCs and computers.

Commented [TG5]: Clear signposting – show the examiner your organization

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Commented [TG14]: Strangely, the question gives the figures in X per thousand people. I just used this once, as giving a percentage is a much better way of giving the figures

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