



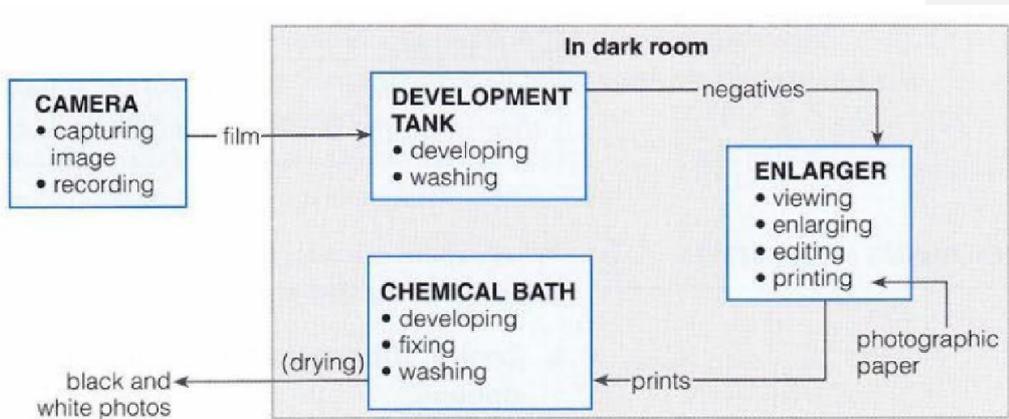
**WRITING TASK 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The diagrams show how black and white photos are produced.*

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

Write at least 150 words.





## **Instructions / Advice**

Before you read my answer, do the following:

### **Examine and understand the question**

- Study the question carefully
- Make sure you fully understand it before you start your answer  
Identify *the main trends, differences or stages* ie – what you'll include in the overview
- Decide what *the key features* are – ie what information and/or figures are you going to mention in your answer

### **Decide on the organisation**

- What will you describe first?
- How many paragraphs will you write?
- What information will you give in each paragraph?
- What information will you group together – if the question has figures?

### **Write and review**

If you want to be your own teacher – that's why you're here, right? – be strict with yourself.

- Write your answer in 20 minutes on a proper IELTS writing form - get one [here](#).
- Study your answer and do it again - take as long as you like and check your structures on the internet.
- This time you're doing your absolute best without time constraints.
- Compare your answer to mine
- Memorise some of my structures - pay attention to the grammar and lexis
- Add some of my sentences to Anki so that you'll remember them for ever - see [here](#)
- Rewrite my answer
- Look at it again the next day

**TA – Task Achievement**

The flowchart shows the steps and equipment involved in the production of black and white photos.

Overall, the process has multiple steps, from photographs being taken by a camera, through the use of a development tank, an enlarger, and a chemical bath, to black and white photographs being printed.

In the first place, images are captured by a camera and recorded onto a black and white film enclosed in the camera. Because photographic film is sensitive to light, the rest of the process takes place in a special room called a dark room. Here, the film is first removed from the camera and placed in the development tank in order to be developed and then washed. It is at this stage that the negatives are produced.

These are now viewed in an enlarger, allowing the images to be made bigger, or cropped and edited as required. When the editing phase is complete, the photos are printed onto special photographic paper.

In the next stage, these prints are placed in the chemical bath where they are fixed, which means they can no longer be changed. After being washed and dried, the finished black and white photographs can be removed from the dark room.

202 words

**Commented [TG1]:** All the relevant information is presented. No key features are ignored. There is no inaccurate, irrelevant, or inappropriate information

**Commented [TG2]:** Simple introduction - rephrase the information given.

**Commented [TG3]:** Clear overview in which I mentioned the three major stages shown in the flowchart.

**Commented [TG4]:** All the key features are summarised, and none are left out

**C&C – Cohesion and coherence**

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**In the first place**, images are captured by a camera and recorded onto a black and white film enclosed in the camera. **Because** photographic film is sensitive to light, the rest of the process takes place in a special room called a dark room. **Here**, the film is first removed from the camera and placed in the development tank in order to be developed and then washed. **It is at this stage that** the negatives are produced.

**These are now** viewed in an enlarger, **allowing** the images to be made bigger, or cropped and edited as required. **When the editing phase is complete**, the photos are printed on special photographic paper. **In the next stage, these prints** are placed in the chemical bath **where** they are fixed, **which means** they can no longer be changed. **After being washed and dried**, the finished black and white photographs can be removed from the dark room.

**Commented [TG5]:** Information is organised logically, which should be easy in a process.

The answer shows clear progression throughout. In other words – there is an introduction, an overview, and one or more paragraphs in a logical sequence.

C&C is shown here in bold and highlighted in yellow and bold

**Commented [TG6]:** This is much better than firstly, secondly, etc

**Commented [TG7]:** Referencing

**LR - Lexical resource**

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In the first place, images are captured by a camera and recorded onto a black *and white film enclosed* in the camera. Because photographic film *is sensitive to light*, the rest of the process takes place in *a special room called* a dark room. Here, the film is first *removed* from the camera and placed in the development tank in order to be developed and then washed. It is at this stage that *the negatives are produced*.

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**Commented [TG8]:** High band score lexical resource is shown by the words and phrases in *italics*

The examiner gives credit for words not given in the question. In other words, he will be impressed by *photographs*, but not by *photos*. He'll be impressed by *production*, but not by *produced*.

Less common lexical items, which you need for a band score 7, LR, are words that not everyone (ie non-native speaker) knows. It does not mean words that native speakers don't know

You should not have to use the dictionary to understand my answers.

**GRA – Grammatical range and accuracy**

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**Commented [TG9]:** There is variety of simple and complex sentences.

There are no errors.

Grammar that will impress the examiner is underlined.

Note the different types of passive voice structures – highlighted in yellow

**Commented [TG10]:** implied or abbreviated passive voice – *that is* enclose in [...]

**Commented [TG11]:** use the active voice if you get the chance

**Commented [TG12]:** previously mentioned, so the definite article is correct