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PERSONAL IELTS FEEDBACK

A clearer path to a stronger IELTS essay.

WRITING TASK 1

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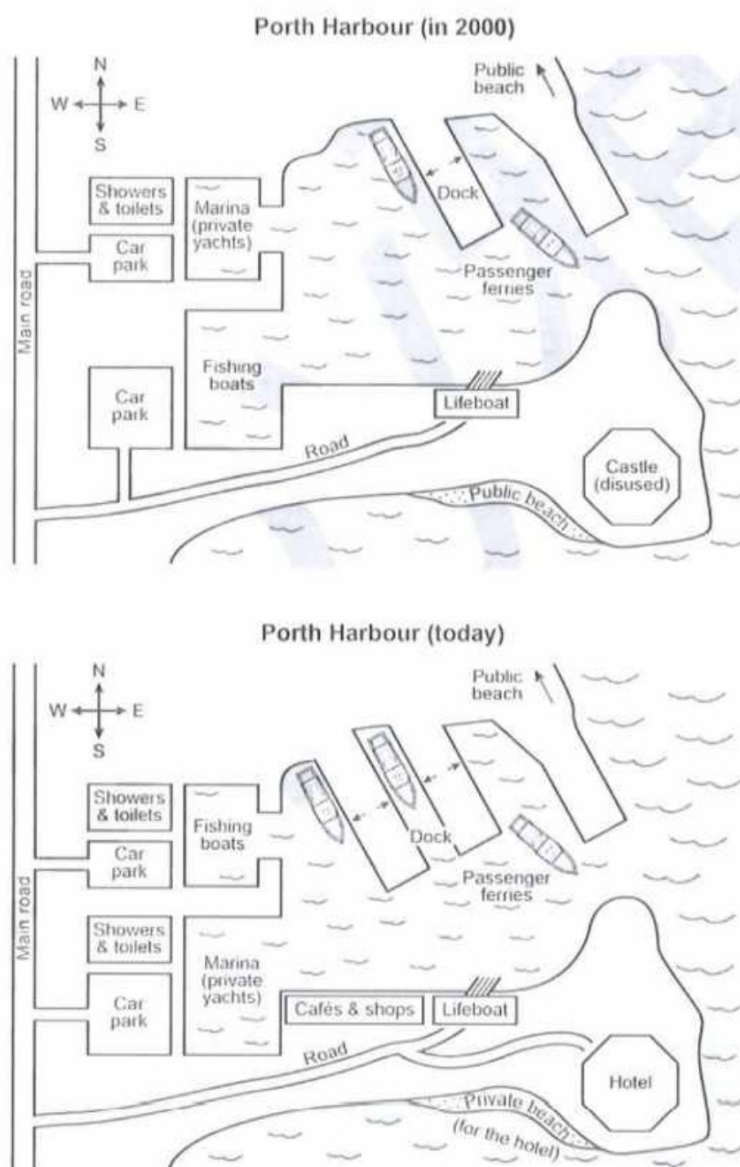
SAMPLE LEVEL / BAND 6.0

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TASK

Original prompt

The plans below show a harbour in 2000 and how it looks today.



01

Introduction

Student sentence

The two **setups compare** Porth Harbour, in its previous form and its current **expansion** between 2000 and the present.

Needs work

- ✗ “the two setups compare ...” is grammatically correct but unnatural to use.
- ✗ Comma problem: “...Porth Harbour, in its previous form and its current expansion...” → This comma breaks the sentence and makes it awkward.
- ✗ “current expansion”: Expansion suggests intention or planning. The maps only show what exists now, not a plan!

What works

- ☒ The two maps compare Porth Harbour in the past and at present.
- ☒ Correct structures:
The two maps compare ...
The two diagrams compare ...
The maps show / illustrate / depict ...
A comparison is made between ... (passive)

💡 Maps / diagrams / plans → can compare

💡 Layouts / setups / arrangements → are what is being compared

Suggested revision

"The two maps compare Porth Harbour in its previous form and its current layout from 2000 to the present day."

فیدبک مدرس

اگر این ایرادات رو برطرف کنی، مقدمه‌ی خوبی میشه. ☒

02

Overview

Student sentence

Overall, **the plan is to** expand transportation and allow for more space for activities, such as **cafés** and shops.

Needs work

- ✗ “the plan is to ...” is incorrect.
- This task shows: what existed in 2000 & what exists today.
- There is no future plan. Saying “the plan is to” implies intention or proposal, which examiners penalise.

نکته کلیدی

⚠ مشکل اصلی این overview اینه که خیلی جزئیات داره؛ در اورویو باید خیلی کلی به تغییرات اشاره بشه. در واقع باید دورنما رو توصیف کنی و تغییرات ریز مثل shops and cafés رو ننویسی.
→ Overviews should be high-level trends

Alternative 1

“Overall, Porth Harbour has been modernised, with the addition of more facilities for visitors and changes to its transport infrastructure.”

Alternative 2

“Overall, the harbour has changed considerably, with new facilities introduced and several areas repurposed.”

Alternative 3

“Overall, the harbour has undergone significant redevelopment, with more amenities/facilities added and the area becoming more commercialised.”

☁ میتونی از این فرمول استفاده کنی:

Overall, + place + has changed/been redeveloped, with + 2–3 main visible changes.

03

Body paragraph 1

The previous layout had a marina in the north and a fishing boat port/area in the south. **However, these areas were relocated to the same location in the current map. [WRONG DATA]** Compared with the earlier map, these two facilities have **exchanged locations/switched positions**. Two car parks remained from the original site, but a new road was relocated added/constructed/built along a main street to inter the car park in the south today setup the current layout. [1] The previous map had space occupied by a castle that was converted into a hotel in the current layout. In terms of the previous map, in the south a public beach was converted into a private beach for the hotel in the new map. [2]

Accuracy & wording

- ⚠ Use “added / removed / converted / relocated” carefully → only when the change is logically possible.
- ⚠ You have started both body paragraphs in a similar way, which makes the writing sound repetitive.
- [1]: ✗ This sentence can be improved & it is inaccurate for this map.

Better paragraph openings

- 1st BP → “Previously, the marina was located in the north”
- 2nd BP → “Several additional facilities appear in the current layout ...”
- 💡 “In the northern/southern part of the area, several changes can be seen.”
- “Several significant changes were made to the area in the current layout.”

In 2000:

The southern car park was accessed directly from the main road.

In the current map:

The southern car park is no longer accessed directly from the main road. Instead, it is reached via a different internal road that runs past / towards the hotel area.

So

- ✗ It is not a new road connecting the car park to the main road
- ☑ It is a change in access route

[2] Style note

- ⚠ Avoid repeating "previous map" → use contrast words like "earlier", "formerly", or "while".

★ SUGGESTION

"The Two car parks were retained from the original design; however, access to the southern car park has changed, as it is now reached via an alternative road."

★ SUGGESTION

"The castle shown on the earlier map has been converted into a hotel, while the public beach in the south has become private for hotel guests."

04

Body paragraph 2

The previous setup had showers and toilets in the north and these areas were introduced between both car parks in the current map. In terms of the current map, some **cafés** and shops were added beside the marina. A The lifeboat remained in both maps, and a new road was added connecting the hotel in the current layout. In the north, a new dock for passenger ferries was added in the current map, while a public beach has remained in this location.

Needs work

- ⚠ As I explained earlier, the opening of the paragraph needs improving.
- ✗ ! Use “the” for map features because the places and facilities are already known and clearly shown. Use “a” only when a feature appears for the first time on the map.
- ✗ In the last sentence → ⚠ Tense mismatch: was added ... has remained

Keep

- ★ Keep verb tenses consistent when describing map changes.
- 💡 “The lifeboat has remained in place, and a new road was added to provide access to the hotel in the current layout ”

Improved opening

“Several additional facilities appear in the current layout. Shower and toilet blocks have been relocated to a position between the two car parks, while cafés and shops have been added beside the marina.”

Final-sentence revision

"In the north, a new dock for passenger ferries was added/introduced in the current layout, while the public beach remained unchanged/stayed in the same location/place."

جمع‌بندی مدرس

در کل تمام تغییرات رو به خوبی توصیف کردی. در واقع essay ای که نوشتی کامله؛ ولی نیازه که با دقت بیشتری تحلیل انجام بدی چون یک سری جملات به درستی نقشه رو توصیف نمیکردن. در کنارش لازمه گرامر رو تقویت کنی و proofread انجام بدی تا اشکالات زبانی کمتری داشته باشی.

CRITERIA BREAKDOWN

A clearer view of what is working and what to improve next.

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overall sample band



Criterion demonstrated



Needs further improvement

IELTS criterion	Checklist	Indicative range
Task Achievement	 All major map changes are covered	5.5–6.0
	 Some details are inaccurate and the overview is too specific	
Coherence & Cohesion	 Clear paragraph structure	6.0–6.5
	 Paragraph openings are repetitive and flow can be more varied	
Lexical Resource	 Useful change-language is attempted	6.0–6.5
	 Some choices are unnatural or imprecise (“setups”, “current expansion”)	
Grammatical Range & Accuracy	 A range of structures is used	5.5–6.0
	 Comma, article and tense-consistency issues need proofreading	

How to read the range

The range is an indicative teacher-facing summary based on the correction notes in this sample, not an official IELTS examiner score.

Priority for the next draft

تحلیل نقشه را با دقت بیشتری انجام بده، overview را کلی‌تر نگه دار، از واژه‌های تغییر مثل added / relocated / converted فقط وقتی از نظر منطقی درست هستند استفاده کن، و در پایان حتماً برای article و tense یک proofread کوتاه انجام بده.