

Practice Test 1

The table below gives information about the percentage of land covered by forest in various countries in 1990 and 2005 with estimated figures for 2015.

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

Country	Percentage of Land Covered by Forest 1990	Percentage of Land Covered by Forest 2005	Percentage of Land Covered by Forest 2015
Australia	21.9	21.3	20.0
New Zealand	28.8	31.0	32.3
Brazil	62.2	57.2	53.5
Chile	20.4	21.5	22.0

Sample Answer

The table indicates the proportion of land covered by forest in four different countries in 1990 and 2005 as well as projected figures for 2015.

The figures for the two countries showed an increase in the amount of forested land, including New Zealand, at 28.8% in 1990, climbing to 31.0% in 2005, with a predicted rise to 32.3% in 2015. Likewise, the proportion of forested land in Chile also rose from 20.4% in 1990 to 21.5% in 2005 and is expected to increase to 22.0% in 2015.

However, in Australia and Brazil, the percentage of land covered by forests decreased. Australia's 1990 figure of 21.9% fell to 21.3% in 2005 and is estimated to continue to fall to 20.0% until 2015. Brazil had a drop from 62.2% in 1990 to 57.2% in 2005, and this figure is projected to dip further to 53.5% in 2015.

Overall, New Zealand and Chile had an increase in the proportion of forested land, whereas Brazil and Australia experienced a decrease, and these trends are expected to continue in the future.

Vocabulary

- Indicates
- The proportion of
- Projected figures
- Predicted rise
- Likewise
- Is expected to increase to
- Estimated to
- A drop from
- Dip further
- Whereas

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