

Practice Test 14

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task. The pie charts show figures for the use of public libraries in 1990 and 2000 in Britain.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Sample Answer

The pie charts provide information about the purposes of people who visited public libraries in Britain in two years.

It is evident that the most common use of people going to the libraries was to borrow or return books, and there was a new library's function in 2000.

In 1991, there were 290 million visits to public libraries. In particular, the percentage of people visiting the public library to borrow and return books was 65%, followed by that of those who read the newspaper or magazine with 15%. Also, 10% was the proportion of people obtained information and studied in libraries.

In 2000, although the number of library visits increased by 60 million, Britain experienced a considerable decline in the percentage of visits to borrow and return books. In addition, the proportion of people going to the library to obtain information doubled to 20% while those of studying and reading newspaper and magazine fell sharply to 2% and 5% respectively. Lastly, the new use of the library (borrow and return videos) constituted 18% of total visits.



Vocabulary

- The pie charts provide information about
- It is evident that
- In particular
- Followed by
- The proportion of people
- A considerable decline
- Doubled to
- Fell sharply to
- Constituted

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