

Practice Test 7

The pie charts below give information about the composition of household rubbish in the United Kingdom in two different years.

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

Sample Answer

The different components of household rubbish in the United Kingdom in 1985 and 2002 are shown in the two pie charts.

The percentage of kitchen/organic waste jumped from 28% in 1985 to 44% in 2002, representing the greatest increase in that time. In contrast, paper waste was significantly reduced from 36% in 1985 to 16% in 2002. The proportion made up of plastic waste remained the same in both years at 7%. Similarly, the percentages of wood and textile waste remained relatively stable at 5% (wood) and 3% (textiles) in 1985 and 6% and 2% in 2002 respectively.

The miscellaneous category which appeared in the 2002 pie chart did not feature in the 1985 pie chart. Also, the category of dust and cinders, which represented 8% of household rubbish in 1985, disappeared from the 2002 breakdown.

In general, the proportions of most categories of household waste remained similar from 1985 to 2002, but the two major changes were represented by an increased kitchen/organic waste and reduced paper waste.

Vocabulary



- Components
- The percentage of
- Representing the greatest increase
- In contrast
- Significantly reduced from
- The proportion made up of
- Remained relatively stable
- Miscellaneous
- Represented

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