

Focus on Writing Comparative Language
Grade 11 English

In the IELTS writing exam task 1 you may have to compare and contrast figures and graphs in different ways e.g.

less.... than, fewer than, more..... than

***Add pictures and grammar structures for comparatives*

Exercise 1

Using the words given write comparative sentences

Example:

People - Egypt - Jordan - more

There are more people in Egypt than in Jordan

1. **sleep - adults - babies - need - less**
2. **German speakers - Spanish Speakers -fewer**
3. **science -women - men - study - fewer**
4. **electrical goods - Thailand - Germany - export - more**
5. **environmental damage - nuclear power - fossil fuels - cause - less**

Exercise 2

When we compare two quantities without figures we can use *slightly, considerably, much or far* with the comparison to be more exact.

slightly	more...
considerably	less...
much / far	fewer
	bigger....
	smaller....

In groups discuss the following question

Which two words from the right-hand column above can be used with words like oil and gas?
Which of them can't be used with words likes these? Why, not?

Individually study the information in the table and use the prompts below to write sentences comparing types of energy. One example has been done for you.

World Energy Use 2004

Type of energy	Percentage of total
Oil	37.3
Coal	26.5
Gas	23.9
Nuclear	6.2
Hydro	6.1

Example:

gas/coal

In 2004 we used slightly less gas than coal.

1. oil / coal: _____
2. oil/hydro: _____
3. hydro/nuclear: _____
4. coal/gas: _____
5. oil/nuclear: _____
6. gas/oil: _____