

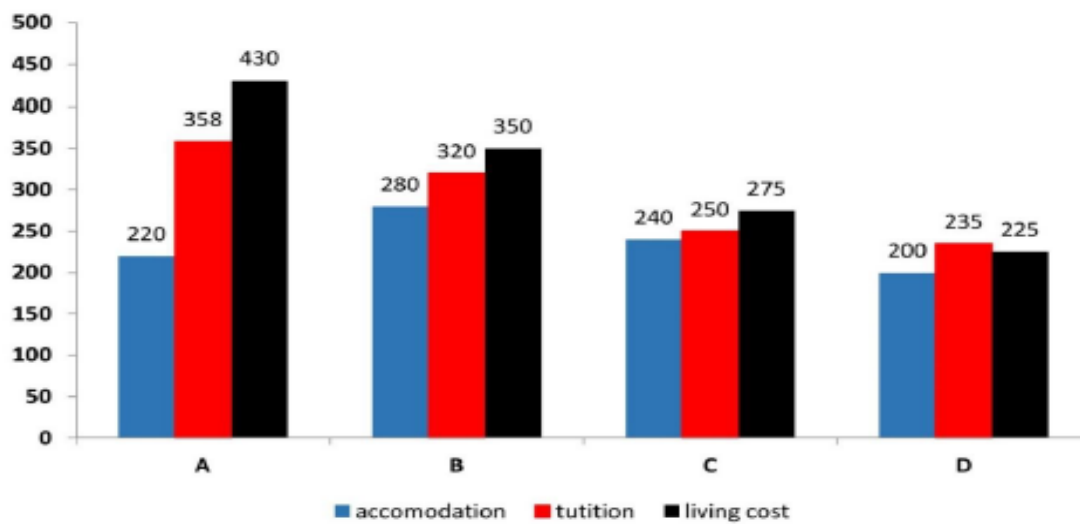
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table and the chart below provide a breakdown of the total expenditure and the average amount of money spent by students per week while studying abroad in 4 countries.

Write at least 150 words.

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Expenditure of studying abroad	
Country	US (\$)
A	875
B	735
C	540
D	435



The table and the chart provide information about how much the students spent per week when they study abroad (1). These suggest average amount of money they use in 4 countries on 3 sections, which are accomodation (3), tuition, and living cost.

(1) The grammar in this is not clear. The verb **study** is in the present tense while **spent** is past tense. Because the information is not from any specific past period, you should stay with the present tense.

The table shows the total amount of money spent in 4 countries in US dollar scale and the amount ranges from \$435 to \$875 (2). In all 4 countries, expenditure on accomodation (3) was minimum, while that on the others varies in each country.

(2) Look at the first sentence in your overview paragraph. It would fit more in the first paragraph which is dedicated to paraphrase the question.

Remember, when you are writing an overview paragraph, just look for the summary and overall trends, disregard any specific numbers in this paragraph. For instance, if a graph indicates a general upward tendency, you can ignore a particular year in which the numbers fell; reserve that year for discussing in the body paragraphs. You might write the overview as follows:

Overall, foreign students need to spend the highest in country A and the lowest in D. In nearly every country, overseas students' weekly average living expenses are the greatest, while housing costs are the lowest.

(3) Some individuals spell the term incorrectly, using the spellings "**accomodation**," "**acommodation**," or "**acomodation**." These spellings are all wrong. There are two **Cs** and two **Ms** in **accommodation**. The correct spelling is always "**accommodation**".

To be specific, the each (4) amount of money spent in countries A and B is similar and higher than that in C, and D. It is above \$700, while that in countries C and D is below \$600. Meanwhile, as the bar chart shows, the expenditure on accommodation is minimum of all in all 4 countries, ranging from \$200 to \$280. The students spend maximum amount on living cost in the country A, B, and C, while those in country D spend the most on tuition (5).

**(4)** No articles are used before determiners (a, an, the, this, that, these, those, which, my, your, our, their, his, hers, whose, few, a few, many, much, each, every, some, any etc. are determiners). A determiner, as you may know, determines or specifies a noun or pronoun. In this case, **how much money** is already specified by the determiner **each** (each amount of money), using another determiner would be redundant and incorrect.

**(5)** Make an effort to employ a range of terms. Look, you have already used the terms "**country**" and "**spent**" earlier in this sentence, and you are quite familiar with several close synonyms of these words. Why then do you use the words "**country**" and "**spend**" in the same sentence again when there are other options? You might format the statement as follows:

While students in countries A, B, and C spend the most on living expenses, those in nation D pay the most on tuition.

# A Band 9 Sample Response

The bar graph illustrates the overseas students' spending on accommodation, tuition, and living expenses, while the table depicts information about the weekly expense by international students in four countries: A, B, C, and D.

Overall, foreign students need to spend the highest in country A and the lowest in D. In nearly every nation, these foreigners' weekly average living expenses are the greatest, while their housing cost registers the lowest.

The costliest country for studying is A, with a weekly average expense of 875 dollars. This is followed by B, C, and D, which have weekly costs of 735, 540, and 435 dollars, respectively. However, international students always pay the least for accommodation, which incurs, respectively, 220, 280, 240, and 200 dollars per week in nations A, B, C, and D.

On the other hand, living expenditures account for the highest portion of average weekly costs for international students in countries A, B, and C, with 430, 350, and 275 dollars, respectively. Tuition fees in the same countries come in second with weekly averages of 358, 320, and 250 dollars, in order. However, D is the only nation where education accounts for the greatest weekly spending, coming in at USD 235, followed by the cost of living (USD 225) and housing (USD 200).

# Score & Comment

**Task Achievement 7:** The description is good; however, it is too concise. You could give a little more detailed explanation of the bar chart. Notice how I have explained the most important points.

**Coherence and Cohesion 6:** Remember, a proper overview paragraph is the key to get a good band in a task 1 section. The role of this paragraph is to state the most significant features without giving any details. You will describe these key features in the body paragraphs in as much detail as possible. You can check the note 2 that I have given below your overview paragraph.

**Vocabulary 7:** See the notes 3 and 5. Try to avoid using the same vocabulary too frequently. Also, be aware of your spelling mistakes. Work out on the confusing spellings in the difficult words.

**Grammar 7:** Check the grammar notes 1 and 4. Remember, at least 60 percent of your sentences should be grammatically correct; otherwise, it would be difficult to get a band 7 in this section.

**Overall Band Score: 7.0**

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