

How to Describe Graphs or Charts

Writing Structure

○ Introduction

○ Overview

○ Body

○ Conclusion

The graph illustrates the percentage of the number of mobile phone users from 2000 to 2010.

The number of mobile phone users increased over the period given. The highest number of the users is seen in 2010.

Only 10% people in Bangladesh used mobile phone in 2000. Within a year, the number increased by 3%. This is to say the number of users became 35% in 2002. By 2010, the percentage dramatically increased. It became 73% which was almost double that it was in the previous year. But slightly decreased in 2011, and the number of the users became 71% in 2011. Finally it rose to 88% in 2012.

The number of mobile phone users increased significantly in 10 years.

Writing Pattern

Introduction

- Add key idea in short
- The graph illustrates.....

Overview

- Overview of the main topic
- Describe the result in one or two sentences

Body

- Explanation of the main idea in details
- Add comparison, contrast, similarity, etc.

Conclusion

- Final observation based on overall discussion

More Information

- Summarize the information including happenings, time, place, quantity
- Avoid your personal preferences
- Give specific and relevant information.
- Use Some Words or Phrases:
 - Increase: rise, increase, grow, go up to, climb
 - Decline: fall, decline, decrease, drop, go down, reduce
 - Stability: remain unchanged/ steady, consistent, no change
 - Modifiers (adjectives and adverbs): Sharp, rapid, slight, massive, significant, rapidly, quickly, suddenly, gradually.
 - Comparison: while, in contrast to