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Academic Writing Task 1

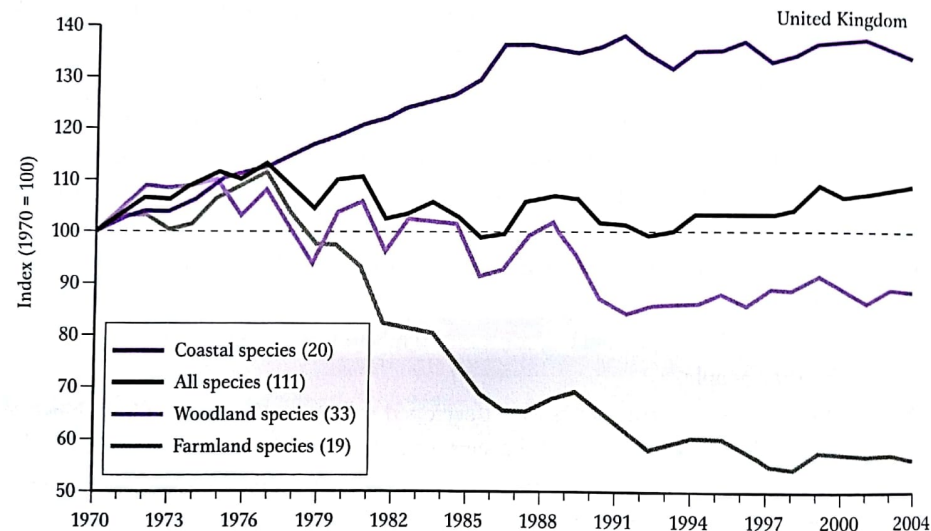
You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the population figures of different types of wild birds in the United Kingdom between 1970 and 2004.

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

Write at least 150 words.

Population of wild birds: 1970–2004



Grammar focus task

Look at the extracts from a model answer and underline all examples of nominalisation.

- 1 Since 1994 there has been an improvement in numbers of all species, although the graph shows a slight decrease in 2000.
- 2 There was also a fall in the number of woodland birds of around 30% between 1974 and 1998.
- 3 It is only the coastal birds that have seen a steady increase in population over this period.

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Academic Writing Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

School children are becoming far too dependent on computers. This is having an alarming effect on reading and writing skills. Teachers need to avoid using computers in the classroom at all costs and go back to teaching basic study skills.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Grammar focus task

Look at the sentences from a model answer to the question above. Fill in the gaps using the words in the box.

actually definitely frankly I believe in my opinion

- 1 Modern technology does a lot of our thinking for us and as a result we are losing our ability to work things out for ourselves.
- 2 Rather than holding students back, I believe modern technology has improved standards of education considerably.
- 3 handwriting and spelling skills have deteriorated in recent years.
- 4, I find some notes or texts which are handwritten impossible to read.

Now write your own answer.