

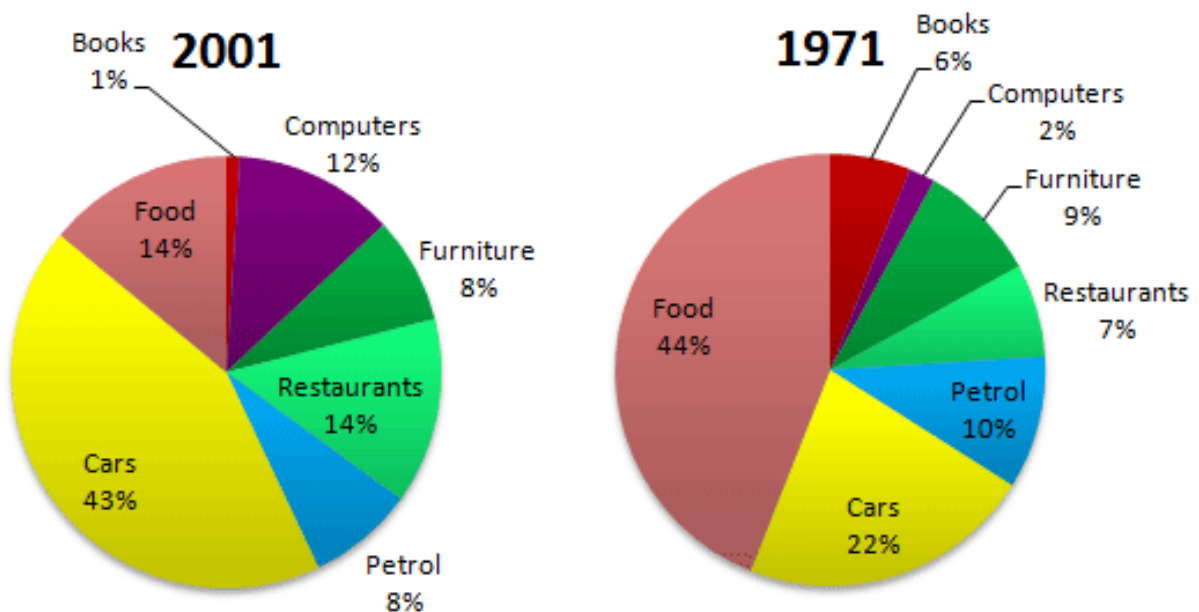
IELTS Writing Task 1 Academic – Report – Sample 020

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graphs show changes in spending habits of people in UK between 1971 and 2001.

Write a report to a university lecturer describing the data.

Write at least 150 words



Model answer:

The pie charts show changes in UK spending patterns between 1971 and 30 years later, 2001. As an overall trend, increased amounts of money spent on cars, computers and eating out were made up for by drops in expenditure on food and books.

In detail, food and car made up the two biggest item of expenditure in both years. Together they comprised over half of household spending in the UK. Food accounted for 44% of spending in 1971, but

this dropped by two thirds to 14% in 2001. However, the outlay on cars doubled, rising from 22% in 1971 to 43% in 2001.

Other areas changed significantly. Spending on eating out doubled, climbing from 7% to 14%. The proportion of salary spent on computers increased dramatically, up from 2% in 1971 to 12% in 2001. However, as computer expenditure rose, the percentage of outlay on books plunged from 6% to 1%.
(151 words)