

IELTS Academic Writing Task 1

English tenses

In the IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 you might have to describe a trend that covers the past, the present and the future, so you'll need to use a variety of tenses.

Always check the dates on the illustration so you use the best tense to describe the data!

The graphs below show a prediction to 2018 by the International Monetary Fund of the world's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth.

Past Simple

Describing completed actions

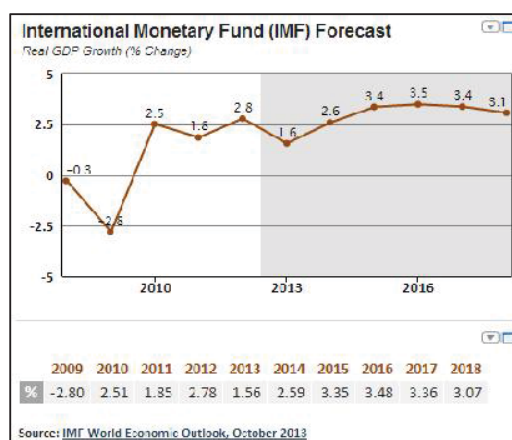
Eg. In 2009 GDP dropped to -2.5%, the lowest growth across the period.

Present Perfect

Describing a recent event

Eg. GDP has increased from 1.6% in 2013 to 2.6% in 2014.

To talk about **the future** use a verb such as *predict* or *estimate* with *will* or *going to*.
Eg. IMF predicts that there will be only small changes to GDP from 2015 to 2018.



Now you try! Describe the data shown in the 'World Bank Forecast' graph below, using past simple, present perfect and a future tense

