

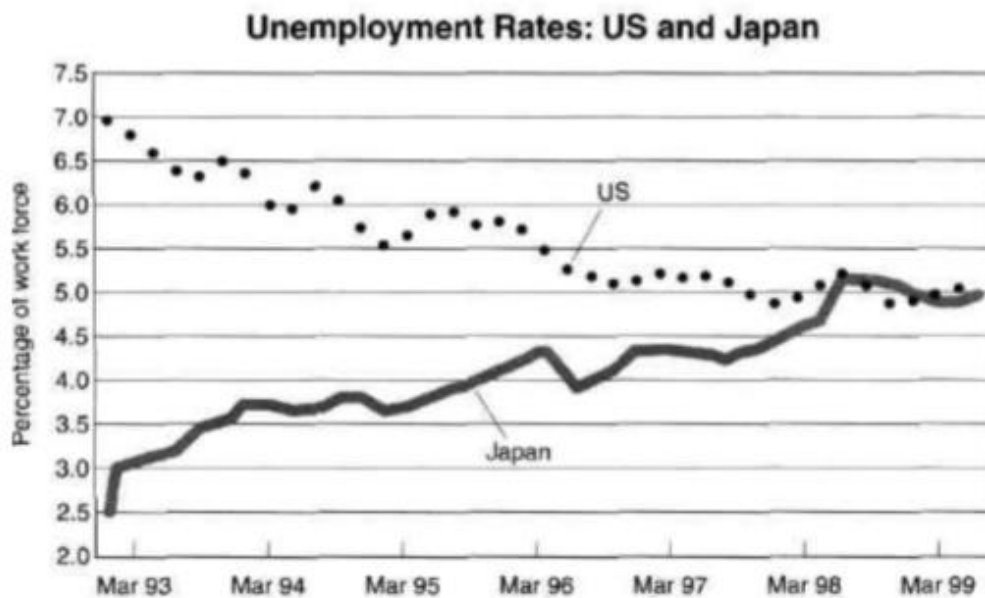
WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph below shows the unemployment rates in the US and Japan between March 1993 and March 1999.

Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below.

You should write at least 150 words.



Here your task is to describe the information given in the graph by writing a 150-word report.

You are not asked to give your opinion.

A good response needs to fulfil the following objectives:

- Does not lower the word limit.
- The introductory paragraph is paraphrased.
- Good grasping of the key points
- Main ideas of the graph are compared
- The points follow a logical order
- Mention about the highlighting trends
- Use of sentence transitions and other linking devices
- Accurate Use of complex language to describe situations

- Use of good range of vocabulary and grammatical structures
- It is particularly important to use correct tenses and prepositions while reporting the details. The tenses which are frequently used include past tense, past continuous or present perfect tense.
- Avoid making errors. Make sure you check your answers for spelling mistakes.

Let us look at the model answer for the above given bar graph:

The above graph shows the results of unemployment research in US and Japan for 6 years. In March, 1993, United States had seven percent of their workforce which might not seem disastrous until compared with Japan, where 2.5% were unemployed. However, the unemployment rate in United States began declining slowly since March 1993 and reached 5% mark in the middle of 1996. In Japan, their unemployment rate doubled in three years. Later the percentage of unemployed workforce in United States remained roughly the same until March 99, although there were minor fluctuations in the unemployment rate. As for Japan, the percentage of unemployed dwindled rapidly after March 1996, but from 1996 onwards it grew steadily and without any falls to reach 5.0% in 1999. The major feature of the above graph is that number of unemployed in USA decreased by about 2.0% in six years, while in Japan it actually increased by 2.5% percent. As a result, in March 99, both Japan and US had about 5% of their work force unemployed which is indicated by the merger of the 2-line graphs.

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