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HOW DOES MINDSET FOR IELTS WORK?

AVAILABLE AT FOUR LEVELS

**FOUNDATION
LEVEL**

LEVEL 1
Target Band 5.5

LEVEL 2
Target Band 6.5

LEVEL 3
Target Band 7.5

CORE MATERIAL

- Student's Book (print and digital).
- Online skills modules for Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking plus Grammar and Vocabulary.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

- Customised online modules for specific L1 groups that focus on areas where help is most needed, informed by the Cambridge English Learner Corpus.
- Academic Study Skills online module that prepares students for the challenges of studying a university-level course taught in English.

TAILORED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

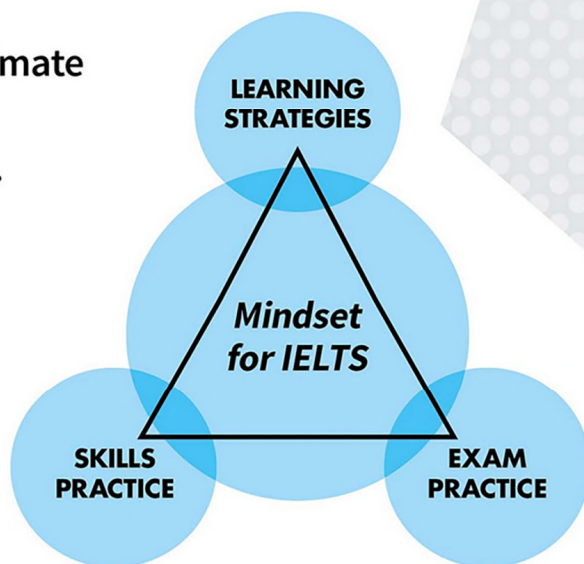
Mindset for IELTS gives teachers the ultimate flexibility to tailor courses to suit their context and the needs of their students.

GIVES TEACHERS CHOICE

- Course design means teachers can focus on either the skills or the topics that their students need the most help with.






CUSTOMISATION

- Online modules can be used in the classroom as extension work or as extra practice at home, allowing the teacher to customise the length and focus of the course.
- Additional online modules designed for specific L1 learners can be incorporated into the course.



COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

The *Mindset for IELTS* course comprises 5 key components:

 <p>CORE TOPICS & SKILLS</p>	<p>Student's Book (print and digital) 8 topic-based units, organised by skill, provide 60-90 hours of teaching per level (levels 1, 2 and 3)</p>
 <p>ONLINE SKILLS MODULES</p>	<p>8 hours of practice per skill, per level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking • Writing • Reading • Listening • Grammar and Vocabulary
 <p>ACADEMIC STUDY SKILLS</p>	<p>6 hours of practice to get ready for the challenges of studying a university-level course taught in English</p>
 <p>LANGUAGE SPECIFIC AND PLUS MODULES</p>	<p>6 hours of practice per module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronunciation and Speaking for Chinese speakers • Spelling and Writing for Chinese speakers • Spelling and Vocabulary for Arabic speakers • Writing for Arabic speakers • Speaking Plus • Writing Plus
 <p>ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS Testbank</p>	<p>Access to Cambridge English authentic IELTS Academic practice tests online</p>

01 SKILLS MODULES

8 hours of practice per skill, including Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking plus Grammar and Vocabulary.

RECEPTIVE SKILLS

Focus on sub-skill

PRINT

Reading
Listening

ONLINE

Different topic

PRODUCTIVE SKILLS

Focus on active production

PRINT

Writing
Speaking

ONLINE

Same topic

02 LANGUAGE SPECIFIC MODULES

Extra practice for areas that need the most work, informed by the Cambridge Learner Corpus.*

ARABIC

- Spelling and Vocabulary
- Writing

CHINESE

- Pronunciation and Speaking
- Spelling and Writing

Plus modules focus on common areas of weakness and are suitable for all first languages.

PLUS

- Speaking
- Writing

*Currently the same module is used for Level 1 and Level 2.

UNIT / 01: THE MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT

READING

IN THIS UNIT YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO

- skim a text quickly to understand the general idea
- scan a text for specific information to answer short-answer questions
- use skimming and scanning to locate the answer quickly
- understand and produce paraphrasing
- use the present continuous and present simple correctly.

LEAD-IN

01 ▶ A common topic in the exam is 'home'. Put these words under the correct heading in the table.

apartment	beach	bungalow	castle	ceiling	cellar	remote island
city centre	countryside	dining room	floor	garage	stone	glamorous
leather	mountains	mansion	marble	modern	simple	skyscraper
spacious	staircase	traditional	wood	window	gym	

Location	Building type	Style	Rooms	Parts of a room	Materials
	apartment				

02 ▶ In pairs, use the vocabulary from exercise 1 to help you describe your dream home.

My dream house would be on the beach near the sea. It would be a simple bungalow with wooden floors. It would have a large dining room ...

SKIMMING AND SCANNING



Skimming and scanning are important reading techniques which are very useful in IELTS. As time is limited in the exam, skimming and scanning help you to find the answers you need quickly.

You **skim** a text quickly to understand the **general idea**.

You **scan** a text quickly in order to find **specific information**.

03 ▶ For each activity, decide whether you would use skimming or scanning.

- 1 looking up a word in the dictionary *scanning*
- 2 browsing the internet for the latest news stories
- 3 choosing a book from a library or bookshop
- 4 finding a particular news story in a newspaper
- 5 finding the price of a product in a catalogue
- 6 looking through a magazine for an interesting article

TIP 03

Try to practise these or similar activities as much as possible. The more you practise, the better you will become at each technique.

04 ▶ The home in the photo cost about one billion dollars to build. What do you like or dislike about the design?

05 ▶ Skim the text to understand the main ideas.

TIP 05

You are only reading for the main ideas at this stage, so remember to ignore unknown words.

A Mukesh Ambani is one of the richest men in the world, and the first man to own a private residence costing more than one billion dollars to build. The home is on Altamout Road in Mumbai, one of the most expensive addresses in the world. Named after the mythical island Antilia, the property has 27 floors.

B The interior of the home is very glamorous and each floor is made from different materials to give an individual look. Marble floors, rare wood and fine rugs are just some of the design features used to create this extravagant home. The lotus flower and the sun are common symbols used throughout. Many of the rooms have floor-to-ceiling glass windows, offering spectacular views of Mumbai and the Arabian Sea.

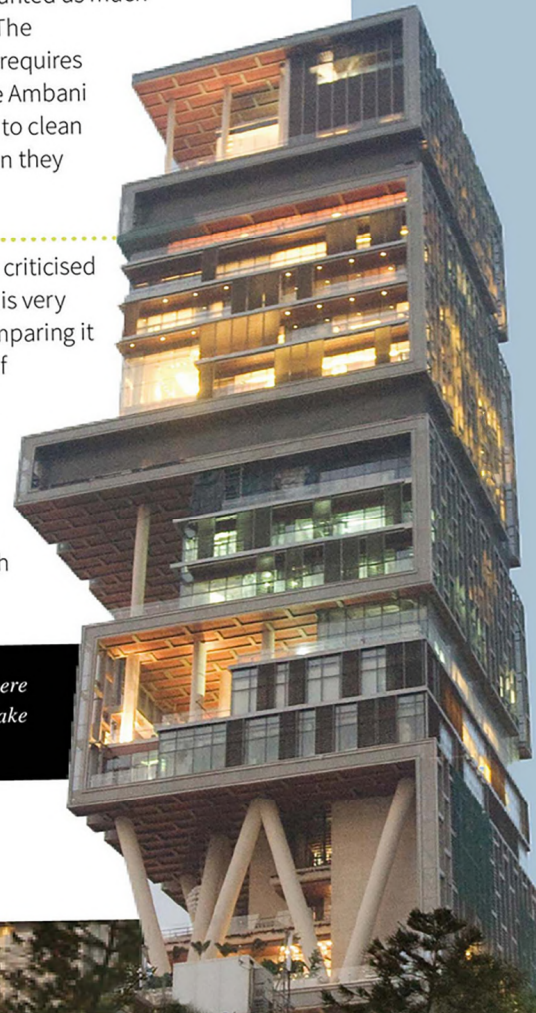
C The skyscraper has a multi-storey garage with space for 168 cars. Alternatively, there are also three helipads on the roof of the building. The lobby has numerous reception areas and nine lifts. There are also several floors for dining, vast libraries and a health spa, including a gym, several swimming pools and yoga facilities. There is even an 'ice-room' which creates man-made snow, a Hindu prayer room and several floors of gardens.

D The Ambani residence is clearly designed to entertain guests. It has a theatre which seats 50, several guest bedrooms and a grand ballroom filled with chandeliers.

E The living quarters are on the top floors, because the family wanted as much sunlight as possible. The 400,000 ft² residence requires 600 staff, but all three Ambani children are required to clean their own rooms when they are at home.

F Several experts have criticised the architecture of this very expensive home, comparing it to an 'unstable pile of books'. Mrs Ambani, however, describes her home as 'an elevated house on top of a garden' and 'a modern home with an Indian heart'.

***helipad** - a place where a single helicopter can take off and land



06 Answer these questions.

- 1 When you were skim reading the text, which of these types of word did you focus on: prepositions, articles, names, verbs, adjectives, numbers?
- 2 Discuss with a partner what you remember about the text.
- 3 What overall title would you give the text?
- 4 Put the information in the order in which it appears in the passage.

- a where the family live
- b opinions on the house
- c the materials used for the interior
- d the cost and address of the house
- e the facilities in the house
- f the owner of the house
- g information about the theatre and ballroom

07 Now scan the text for the information to answer these questions.

- 1 Who owns the property?
- 2 How many floors does it have?
- 3 What are the floors made out of?
- 4 What are the common symbols used throughout the house?
- 5 How many cars does the garage have space for?
- 6 How many people are required to work in the home?

TIP 07

In many of the IELTS reading tasks, the answers appear in the same order as the text.

PARAPHRASING

08 These statements paraphrase each of the paragraphs in the text. Match each statement, 1–6, with the correct paragraph, A–F.

- 1 The house has many desirable facilities and outside spaces. Guests can either drive or fly to the home.
- 2 The family live on the top floor because they want exposure to sunlight.
- 3 Mrs Ambani and the architecture experts have different opinions about the house.
- 4 Antilia is situated in Mumbai and owned by Mukesh Ambani.
- 5 The appearance inside the house is very extravagant and expensive materials have been used. The house also has magnificent views of the city.
- 6 The home is fully equipped to make visitors feel welcome.



'Paraphrasing' is another important technique to understand and use in the exam. Paraphrasing is when you repeat something using different words, often in a simpler and shorter form that makes the original meaning clearer.

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09 The key to paraphrasing is understanding synonyms and words or phrases with a similar meaning. Match these words and expressions.

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 desirable facilities | a guests |
| 2 outside spaces | b Mumbai |
| 3 inside | c expensive |
| 4 extravagant | d rare wood and fine rugs |
| 5 city | e health spa and libraries |
| 6 visitors | f gardens |
| 7 equipped to make visitors feel welcome | g interior |
| 8 expensive materials | h designed to entertain guests |

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS



Questions which require an answer of just a few words, like those in exercise 7, are a common feature of the exam. These are known as *short-answer* questions and they ask about factual details.

TIP 10-11

The answers for short-answer questions come in the same order as they appear in the text.

10 Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

- 1 How many lifts does the home have?
- 2 What can you find in the ice-room?
- 3 What do the Ambani children have to do when at home?

TIP 10-11

Remember to check that your sentences are **grammatically correct** when you have chosen an answer.

COMPLETING SENTENCES

11 Complete the sentences. Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

- 1 The name Antilia comes from a _____.
- 2 There are many facilities to accommodate a large number of _____.
- 3 Opinions on the _____ of the house vary.

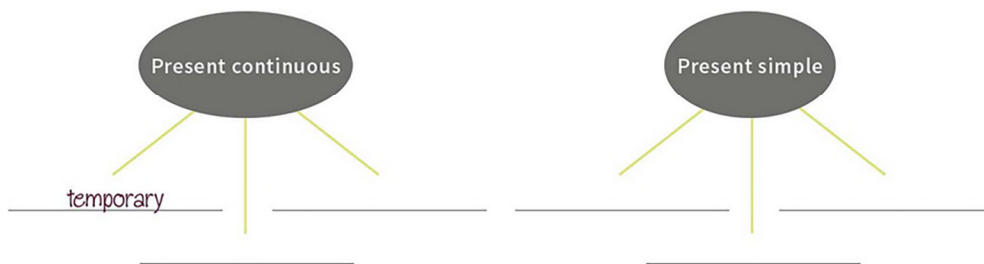


A similar type of task, which also requires an answer of only a few words, is the 'sentence completion task'. The sentences paraphrase words and ideas from the text.

GRAMMAR FOCUS: PRESENT SIMPLE/PRESENT CONTINUOUS

12 A 'mindmap' is a type of diagram with lines and circles for organising information so that it is easier to remember. Put these words and phrases with the appropriate tense in the mindmap.

temporary repeated actions general facts opinions
an action which is not complete happening at the time of speaking



13 Using the rules in the mindmap, correct these sentences where necessary.

- 1 Mukesh Ambani is living in Mumbai.
- 2 Mrs Ambani is believing that her home has an Indian heart.
- 3 The family live on the top floor because they want as much exposure to sunlight as possible.
- 4 When the children are at home, they are cleaning their own rooms.
- 5 Mrs Ambani entertains her guests in the ballroom at the moment.

14 Complete the sentences using the word in brackets and the correct form of the present continuous or the present simple.

- 1 Currently, my mum _____ (work) in the study.
- 2 I _____ (rent) in the city centre for now.
- 3 I _____ (think) that buying a new house now would be a very good idea.
- 4 What is that going to be? They _____ (build) a new accommodation block for students.
- 5 Every day his mum _____ (clean) the house.

EXAM SKILLS

15 Using the approach below, read the text and answer the questions which follow.

Locating the answer: one approach

- Read the questions first, so they are in your mind when you read the text.
- Make sure you have understood the question correctly – underlining key words could help.
- Skim read the text for the main ideas. This will help you to have a rough idea of where to locate your answers on a second read-through.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

- 1 What job did William Hearst do?
- 2 Who helped Hearst design the Castle?
- 3 How much did Hearst spend on art during his lifetime?
- 4 How many times was the Neptune pool rebuilt before Hearst was happy with it?
- 5 What were visitors to the Castle required to do every evening?
- 6 Who owns the mansion now?

Complete the sentences. Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

- 7 As a child, Hearst enjoyed his holidays to _____.
- 8 Hearst inherited the land from his _____.
- 9 Builders spent _____ creating the magnificent Neptune Pool.
- 10 Hearst took animals from _____ for his private zoo.
- 11 Although the zoo is now closed, _____ still walk about the hillside.
- 12 The family donated the property because of _____.

TIP 15

Time yourself: try to do this task as quickly as possible to practise locating information quickly for the exam.



HEARST CASTLE

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A William Randolph Hearst was a successful American newspaper publisher who received over 1,000 km² of land when his mother died in 1919. Initially, he had planned to build just a small bungalow, so he hired Julia Morgan, the first female architect in California. Together, however, they designed a magnificent castle which cost 10 million dollars and took 28 years to build. The property, named *La Cuesta Encantada* (The Enchanted Mountain), has 56 bedrooms, 61 bathrooms, 19 sitting rooms and about 52,000 m² of garden.

B Hearst loved travelling to Europe when he was a child and we can see this in the overall design of the house. He even included cathedral ceilings and Roman columns in his home. Hearst was also a keen art collector and, during his lifetime, spent \$3.5 million on his collection, which is displayed in the rooms at Hearst Castle. Today, his collection is worth much more, with one piece alone valued at \$10 million.

C One of the highlights of the estate is the Neptune Pool. It took 15 years to build and includes the front of an ancient Roman temple. It is on top of a hill and has wonderful views of the mountains, ocean and main house. The pool was rebuilt three times until he was satisfied.

D Although the inside of the house is very European, the outside is very Californian, with palm trees and water. Hearst loved trees and 70,000 were planted on the property during his lifetime. The castle was also home to the world's largest private zoo, holding animals from every continent. Although the zoo is now closed, zebras can still be seen on the hillside.

E As well as the *Casa Grande* (the main house), there are also three guest houses on the property: *Casa Del Monte*, *Casa Del Sol* and *Casa Del Mar*. Hearst entertained a great number of Hollywood stars and political leaders at the castle and many used his private airfield. Guests had to attend formal dinners every evening, but were free to do what they liked during the day. They were invited to stay as long as they wanted, but the longer they stayed, the further away they sat from Hearst at the dinner table.

F When Hearst died in 1951, his family learnt how expensive maintenance would be, and the mansion was donated to the State of California. Since then, it has been open for public tours and the site attracts millions of tourists every year. However, the Hearst family is still allowed to use it when they wish. The castle was never completed and remains unfinished.



UNIT / 01: THE MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT

WRITING

IN THIS UNIT YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO

- select key features of different types of graph, chart and table in order to describe them accurately
- use suitable verbs, adjectives and adverbs to describe trends in different ways
- compare different graphs or information in the same graph and write a summary of the main features.

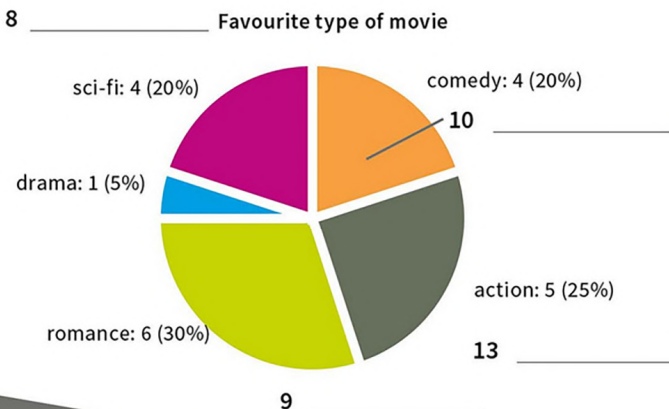
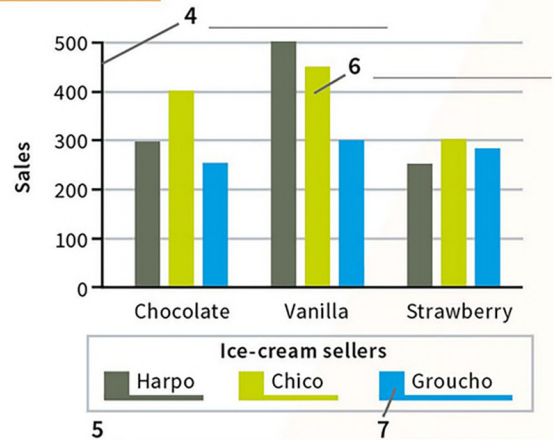
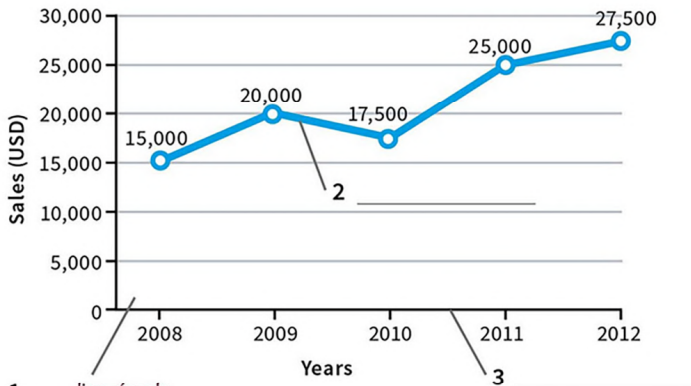
LEAD-IN

01 Look at these examples of the types of diagram you might encounter in the IELTS exam. Then label the diagrams with words from the box.

row bar line graph pie chart bar chart segment column table horizontal axis vertical axis key line title



In Writing Part 1, you could be given graphs/charts or tables to write about, so it is important to be very familiar with this kind of vocabulary.

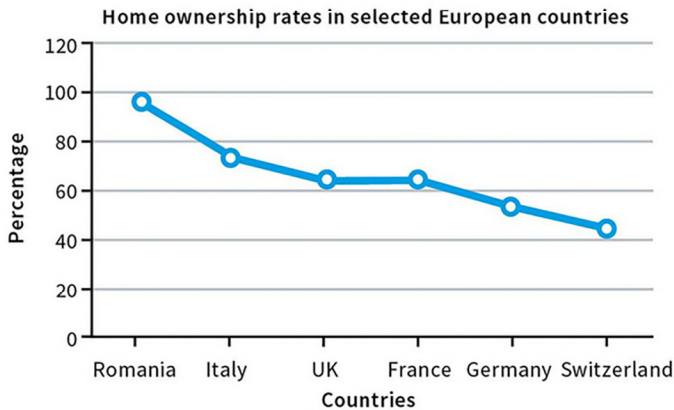
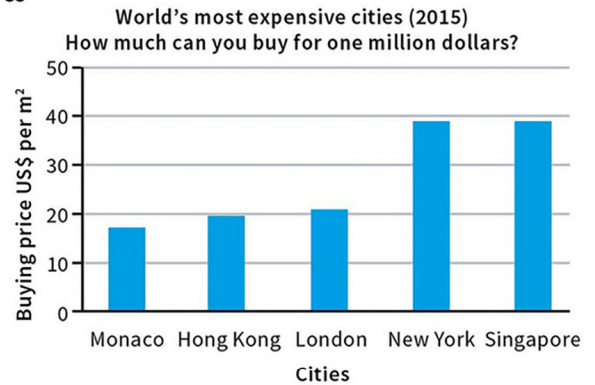


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3 volunteer	12,908	00:03:35	84.76%	53.31%
4 volunteer work	6,721	00:02:42	90.55%	59.75%
5 volunteering.org	5,363	00:03:20	86.41%	61.78%
6 non profit jobs	5,203	00:09:04	47.01%	18.68%
7 www.idealist.org	4,733	00:10:45	15.63%	12.57%
8 volunteering	3,645	00:03:15	87.46%	56.24%
9 idealist.com	3,341	00:10:39	31.94%	14.43%
10 nonprofit jobs	2,865	00:08:35	37.38%	15.78%

SELECTING KEY FEATURES

02 ▶ Study these graphs and make notes about their main features – use questions 1–12 to help you.

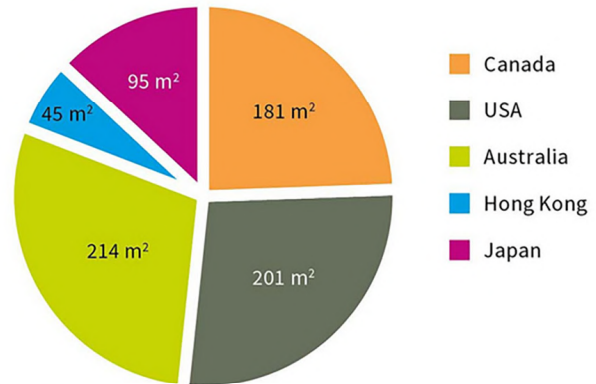
- 1 What does the title say the graph is about?
- 2 What does the vertical axis describe?
- 3 What does the horizontal axis describe?
- 4 What do the columns/bars represent?
- 5 Which is the tallest and shortest bar?
- 6 How do the bars compare to one another?



- 7 What does the title say the graph is about?
- 8 What does the vertical axis describe?
- 9 What does the horizontal axis describe?
- 10 What do the highest/lowest points of the line show?
- 11 What is the general trend of the line?
- 12 Are there any sharp decreases or increases?

- 13 What does the title say the graph is about?
- 14 What do the segments represent?
- 15 Which is the largest/smallest segment?
- 16 Are some segments similar in size?

Average house size in selected countries



Average house size in selected European countries

Country	Size
United Kingdom	76 m ²
France	112 m ²
Denmark	137 m ²
Germany	109 m ²
Italy	61 m ²
Spain	97 m ²
Greece	126 m ²

- 17 What does the title say about the table?
- 18 How many columns are there? What do they represent?
- 19 Which country has the biggest average house size?
- 20 Which country has the smallest average house size?
- 21 Which countries have a similar average house size?