

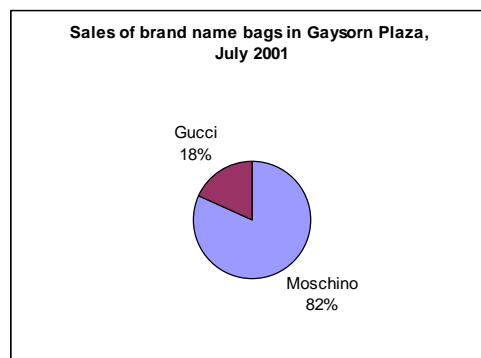
Useful Language for Pie Charts

Aim: This section will give you some useful language so you can give a good answer to a pie chart question in Task 1.

Thai learner problems:

Some people only repeat the percentage for each category and so don't show a variety of vocabulary.

You can get a higher band score for your answer to a pie chart question by using some phrases to describe proportion – or how much of the chart is taken up by each category. Have a look at the example below:

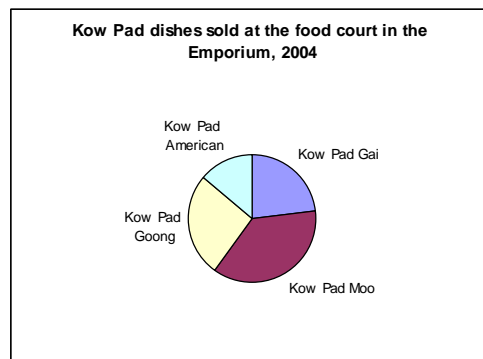


You could write:

***The great majority of** sales were of Moschino bags at 82%, whereas Gucci sales accounted for only 18%*

Writing Task 1

The good thing about using phrases to show proportion is that you can give the examiner a very clear idea of what the chart looks like even if there are no figures included in the data. For example:



You could write: *“The **majority of** dishes sold were Kow Pad Moo at **around one-third** of all sales. Kow Pad Goong and Kow Pad Gai accounted for **just over** and **just under one-quarter** of sales respectively. Finally, only **a few** dishes of Kow Pad American were sold.”*

Useful language

<p>a few a small/large proportion of a fair amount of the (vast/great) majority of</p>	<p>(around/about) (just under/over)</p> <p>one quarter one-third a half three-quarters</p>
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Tip: Don't overuse the phrases – only use them when it is necessary.