

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The table below shows the number of visits to the UK by overseas residents between 1975 and 1998.*

*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

Visits to the UK by overseas residents	1975	1987	1996	1997	1998
Number of visits (millions)	9.5	15.6	25.2	25.5	25.7
of which					
Total business <sup>1</sup>	1.8	3.6	6.1	6.3	6.9
Total leisure <sup>1</sup>	7.7	12.0	19.1	19.2	18.9
Total by North American residents <sup>2</sup>	1.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.6
Total by residents of Western Europe <sup>2</sup>	5.9	9.3	16.8	16.7	16.6
Total other residents	1.7	2.9	4.7	4.7	4.6

1 Holiday visits to friends and relatives and miscellaneous visits  
 2 EU and Western European countries

Source: UK in figures 2000, National Statistics

**Understanding the chart**

1. Which rows within the table are related?

**Business + Leisure**  
**North American + Western Europe + Others**

2. Based on the organization of the table, how will you arrange the order of the following by paragraphs?

- A. Introduction and Overview
- B. Place of origin for visitors
- C. Visitors by purpose

(1) A → (2) C → (3) B .

Fill in the blanks with the words provided:

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both	witnessed	tripled
surge	reaching	at around
starting at	settling at	remained far ahead of
respectively	predominantly	rise in proportion

The table provided (1) **presents** the data on international visits to Britain from 1975 and 1998.

In general, there was a (2) **surge** in the number of trips made over the surveyed period, during which most visited for a leisurely purpose. Despite having visitors from all over the world, they were (3) **predominantly** residents from Western Europe.

In 1975, there were 9.5 million excursions to the United Kingdom, and this figure (4) **nearly doubled** over the decade before eventually levelling off (5) **at around** 25 million visits in the late 1990s. While visits for business purposes (6) **witnessed** the most noticeable (7) **rise in proportion** by approximately four times the original 1.8 million, holiday visits constituted the lion's share, (8) **starting at** 7.7 million trips in 1975 and (9) **settling at** around 19 million in the end.

(10) **In terms of** the visitors' places of origin, those hailing from Western Europe were prevalent and (11) **remained far ahead of** the other two groups consistently. On the whole, 5.9 million visits were made by residents from this region and the number nearly (12) **tripled** to 16.6 million trips by 1998. Meanwhile, trips made by the North Americans and those from the rest of the world also saw a sharp growth, with (13) **both** starting at 1.9 and 1.7 million visits in 1975 (14) **respectively** before (15) **reaching** 4.6 million each in 1998.