

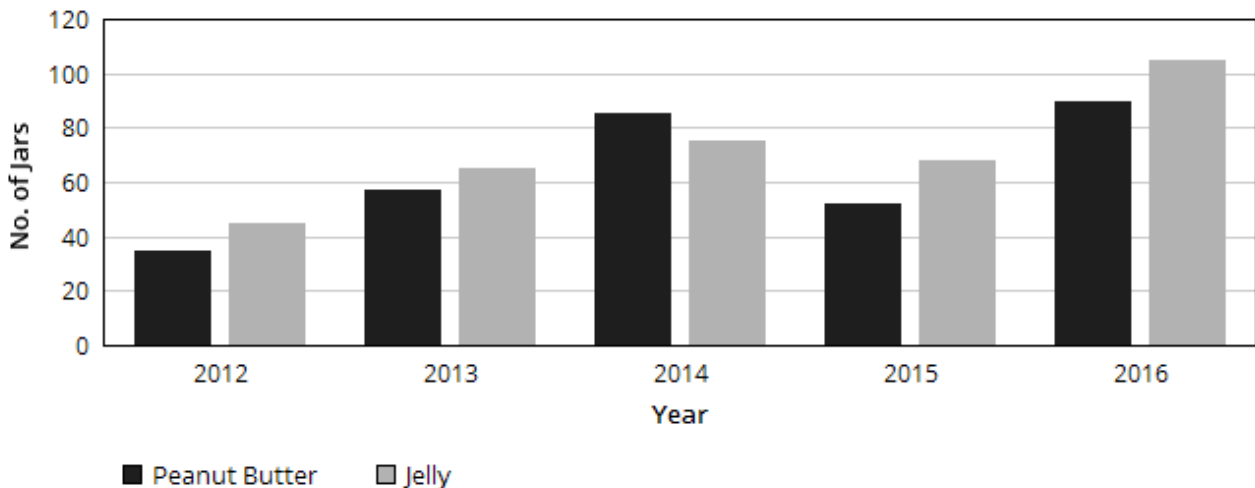
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IELTS Writing Task 1: Bar Chart #1

Write a report describing the information in the chart below.
Write at least 150 words.

Sandwich Spread Purchases at a Supermarket



● **Complete the sample answer by circling the correct words.**

The bar chart (1)_____ the number of jars of peanut butter sold at a supermarket during a five-year period (from 2012 to 2016) with the number of jars of jelly sold during the same time period.

Overall, the chart (2)_____ an increase in the sales of the two sandwich spreads with the number of jelly purchases generally (3)_____ than those of peanut butter.

Sales of peanut butter were (4)_____ in 2012, with fewer than forty jars purchased. Sales then (5)_____ increased to over eighty jars sold in 2014, when it outsold jelly. However, in the following year, sales of peanut butter fell dramatically to less than sixty jars sold. Sales then recovered in the following year, in 2016, and rose to about ninety jars purchased.

A similar pattern can be seen with jelly sales, except for the year 2014 when (6)_____ jars of jelly (7)_____ than peanut butter (less than eighty jars compared to more than eighty jars). As with peanut butter sales, jelly sales fell in 2015 (down to about seventy-five jars); nevertheless, (8)_____ people bought jelly in 2016 (over a hundred jars) than in any previous year.

1.
(A) compared
(B) compare
(C) compares

3.
(A) greatest
(B) greater
(C) greatly

5.
(A) steadily
(B) steady
(C) instead

7.
(A) have sold
(B) were sold
(C) sells

2.
(A) is showing
(B) shows
(C) showed

4.
(A) lowest
(B) lowering
(C) lowered

6.
(A) few
(B) fewer
(C) fewest

8.
(A) much
(B) many
(C) more

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes comparatives and passive)

Writing Task Task One: Bar Chart ("Sandwich Spread Purchases")

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. C | 5. A |
| 2. B | 6. B |
| 3. B | 7. B |
| 4. A | 8. C |

The bar chart **(1) compares** the number of jars of peanut butter sold at a supermarket during a five-year period (from 2012 to 2016) with the number of jars of jelly sold during the same time period.

Overall, the chart **(2) shows** an increase in the sales of the two sandwich spreads with the number of jelly purchases generally **(3) greater** than those of peanut butter.

Sales of peanut butter were **(4) lowest** in 2012, with fewer than forty jars purchased. Sales then **(5) steadily** increased to over eighty jars sold in 2014, when it outsold jelly. However, in the following year, sales of peanut butter fell dramatically to less than sixty jars sold. Sales then recovered in the following year, in 2016, and rose to about ninety jars purchased.

A similar pattern can be seen with jelly sales, except for the year 2014 when **(6) fewer** jars of jelly **(7) were sold** than peanut butter (less than eighty jars compared to more than eighty jars). As with peanut butter sales, jelly sales fell in 2015 (down to about seventy-five jars); nevertheless, **(8) more** people bought jelly in 2016 (over a hundred jars) than in any previous year.

190 words

My Notes

