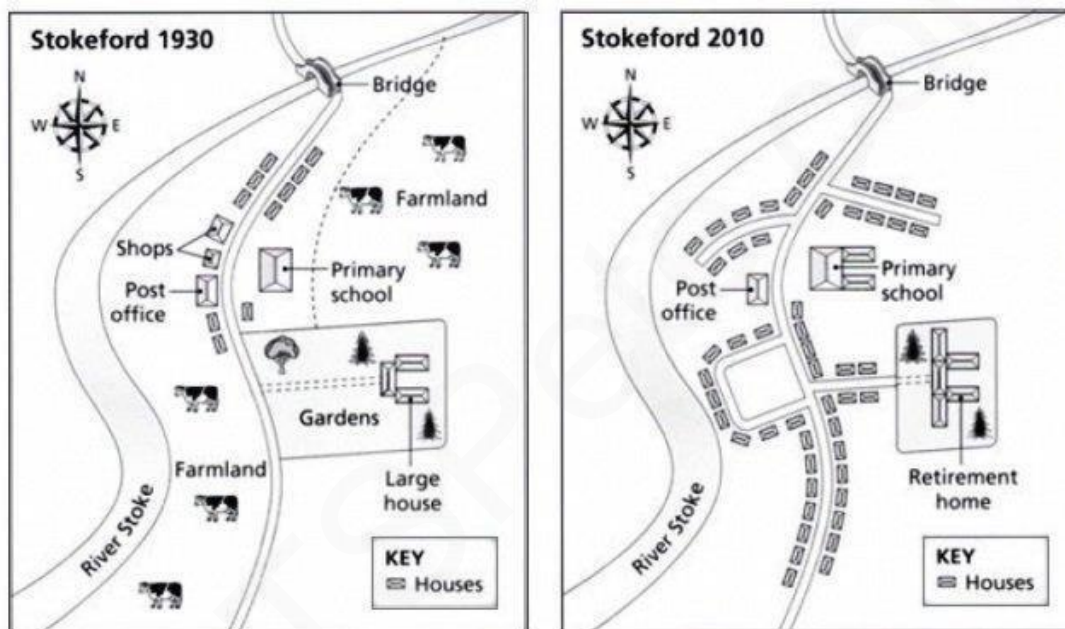


## Maps: Essay Structure

*The maps below show the village of Stokeford in 1930 and 2010.*

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

Write at least 150 words.



The map comparison questions are probably the most straightforward to answer. There are no numbers involved, just 2 or 3 maps to compare.

The maps will be of the same location at different times. This could be in the past, present, or future, such as a plan for a proposed development. You are asked to describe the changes you see between the maps.

# Essay Structure and Approach

(to be used with maps)

Introduction  
Main Body I  
Main Body II  
Main Body III (possibly)  
Conclusion (possibly)

## 1. Introduction

The introduction is made up of two sentences:

- 1.1 To write the first introduction sentence, simply restate (paraphrase) the maps' introduction from the test question.
- 1.2 The second sentence is a general, high-level overview of the changes that have taken place between the maps; no details at this stage. An overview is required for a band 6 or higher, which is why it is written in the introduction so that it can't be missed at the end due to time running out.

## 2. Main Body Paragraphs

- 2.1 Decide what time periods are shown on the maps. This will determine whether the essay is to be written in the past, present perfect, or future tense.
- 2.2 Identify the main features on the earliest map, then compare them to the later map(s) to see which ones have changed.
- 2.3 Make short notes on 5 or 6 of the main feature changes. What features have disappeared? What new features are in their place? What remains?
- 2.4 Also, use one or two compass direction sentences (E.g., towards the northern end, at the south-east corner of the town, etc.). All map illustrations have a compass.
- 2.5 Separate the changes equally into paragraphs; for example, describe three changes in the first paragraph and three changes in the second paragraph for a 6 stage essay.

## 3. Conclusion

- 3.1 A conclusion (or summary) is not required unless it's stated. However, it's often advisable to write one to tie the essay together or to increase the word count if needed.
- 3.2 A good conclusion describes at a high level what changed or is predicted to change, although it must not repeat the overview sentence.