

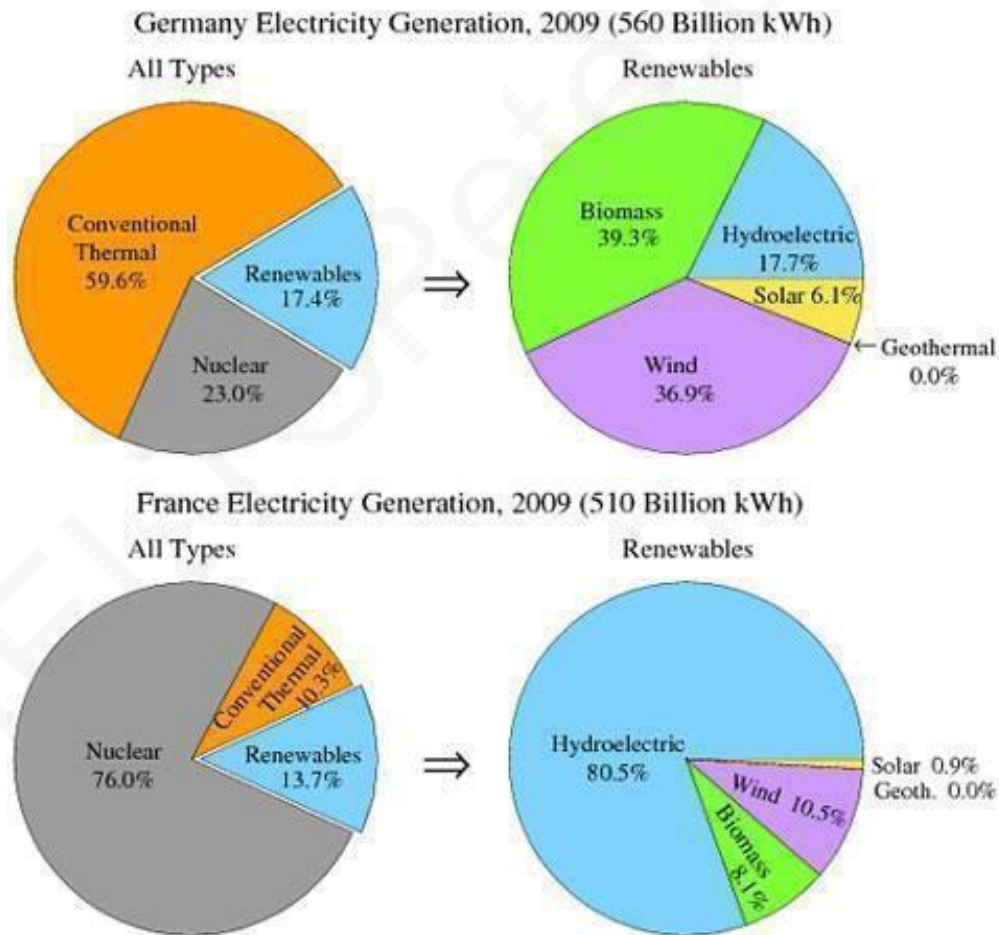
## Pie Chart: Essay Structure

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

**The pie charts show the electricity generated in Germany and France from all sources and renewables in the year 2009.**

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

Write at least 150 words.



## Essay Structure and Approach

**Introduction**  
**Main Body 1**  
**Main Body 2**  
**Main Body 3 (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 illustrations' introduction from the test question and also mention a time frame if there is one.
- 1.2 The second sentence is a general overview of what the charts are showing but gives no detail, such as data, at this stage. An overview is required for a band 6 or higher, which is why we write it in the introduction so that it can't be missed at the end due to time running out.

### 2. Main Body I and II (possibly III)

- 2.1 The main body paragraphs now go into specific detail and must refer to the data in the charts. It's important not to give opinions; simply describe what the data shows.
- 2.2 Use vocabulary that fits with the illustration. Be careful to distinguish between static and dynamic data. For example, a one-year snapshot pie chart such as the one above is a static illustration, so avoid using language of change. Instead, use vocabulary such as percentages, proportions, comparatives, and superlatives when describing the illustration.
- 2.3 To organize the body paragraphs and enable comparisons, it's necessary to identify features such as the highest and lowest values, differences and similarities, and group data together.
- 2.4 Focus and separate the body paragraphs from the analysis in 2.3.

### 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.
- 3.3 When writing the conclusion, do not introduce any new details or descriptions.