

## IELTS Writing Task 1: Diagram Questions

The diagrams below give information about the growing of tomatoes and the use of tomatoes to make ketchup

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

### Agricultural cycle for the tomato

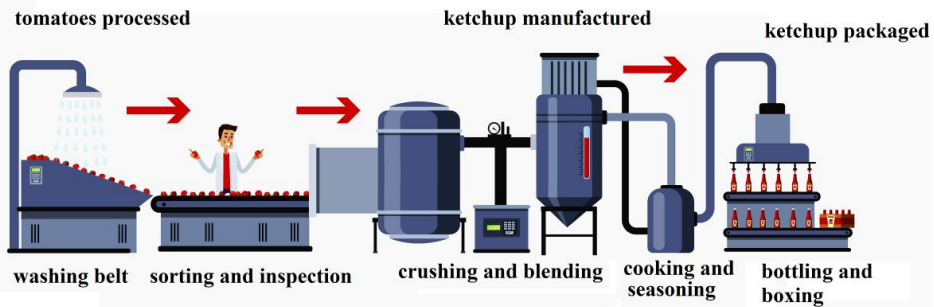


## Ketchup production and distribution

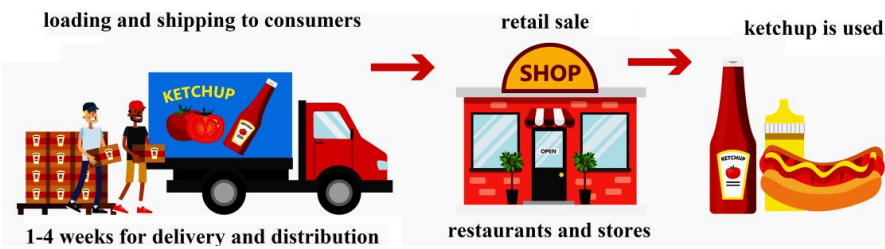
### Farming and shipping



### Manufacture



### Distribution



In the diagrams, we see how tomatoes are grown, and then how they are harvested, shipped, and turned into ketchup for consumers to eat.

It is clear from the tables that growing the tomatoes is a slower process than making and distributing ketchup, since growing them takes about 4 months. At the same time, the ketchup making and distribution cycle is more complex, with more activities and phases, in spite of the fact that it takes a maximum of 5 weeks.

In the first diagram, we see that tomatoes are grown in a 21-week cycle that has three stages. In the first four weeks, the tomato seeds are planted and sprout. Then in the fifth through tenth week, the plants mature and grow flowers. From there, in weeks 11 to 21, the flowers become tomatoes, and the tomatoes become ripe and get picked.

The second diagram picks up exactly where the last one left off. In the first stage of ketchup production, the newly harvested tomatoes are boxed. The boxes then get carried to the factory by truck in 1-3 days. In the factory, the tomatoes come out of the box and are washed, examined and sorted, crushed and mixed, cooked and spiced, and then put in ketchup bottles, which are boxed. After that, the ketchup is boxed and sent out to retail locations in 1-4 weeks.