

IELTS Writing Task 1: Table Questions

The table below gives information about the average temperature and average rainfall during two droughts that the United Kingdom experienced, one in 1976, and one in 2018.

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

Comparison of the 1976 and 2018 United Kingdom Droughts
(average June and July temperatures and rainfall, by region)

REGION	1976 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE*	2018 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE*	1976 AVERAGE RAINFALL**	2018 AVERAGE RAINFALL**
East Anglia	25	24	43%	6%
Midlands	25	25	25%	11%
Northeast England	22	22	33%	27%
Southeast England	25	27	56%	5%
Southwest England and South Wales	22	23	41%	21%
Northwest England and North Wales	20	22	45%	30%
Northern Ireland	18	20	79%	52%
East Scotland	19.5	19	51%	52%
West Scotland	18.5	18.5	77%	63%

*Centigrade

**percentage of average annual rainfall for July and August

This table compares two drought years in the United Kingdom: one in 1976 and the other in 2018. The table provides the average temperature in centigrade and the percentage of annual rainfall in nine regions for those years.

Each region's average temperatures were similar during both droughts. However, there is a drastic difference in percentages of annual rainfall reported for 1976 and 2018.

The average temperatures between the two drought years were either the same or only differed by a degree or two for each region. The average temperature in both drought years was the same for the Midlands, North East England and West Scotland regions. The regions of Northern Ireland, Northwest England and North Wales, and Southeast England were all two degrees warmer in 2018, which represents the largest difference in average temperature.

For the majority of the regions, the percentage of annual rainfall was much lower in 2018 than it was in 1976. This is most notable in the Southeast England region, which experienced 56% of the annual rainfall in the 1976 drought and only 5% of annual rainfall in the 2018 drought. The only region that had even a small increase in rainfall in 2018 was East Scotland, which received 51% and 52% of annual rainfall in 1976 and 2018, respectively.