

IELTS describing information in a table

Look at the table below showing the ratings for the performances of five plays which appeared in four magazines.

	THE NORTHERN REVIEW	THE WEEKLY	VISION	THE ACTOR
HENRY V	↓	★ ★	↓	↓
ELECTRA	★	★ ★	★ ★	★ ★
THREE SISTERS	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★
STOLEN IDENTITY	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★ ★	★ ★
HAMLET	★	★	★	★

Key

Very good	★ ★ ★
Good	★ ★
Adequate	★
Poor	↓

Guided writing 1: gathering information for a text

Look at the table and answer the questions as quickly as you can

1. From the data, which play is clearly the critics' favourite?
2. Which play was the least favourite?
3. How good did the critics think the former play was?
4. How many publications thought this?
5. Which publication was the exception and how many stars did it give the critics' favourite play?
6. Which play was the next favourite and how many stars did it receive?
7. Which publications gave what?
8. What rating did *Henry V* receive?
9. What did the critics think of *Hamlet*?
10. What ratings did *Electra* receive?
11. Which publication was the exception?
12. Which magazine is the most generous in its reviews?
13. What did the magazine give *Henry V*?
14. What did the other publications think of the performance?

Guided writing 2: Text with questions

Complete the blank spaces below using the questions and the table to help you.

The table shows the review ratings for the performances of five plays by four different publications.

1. From the data, which play is clearly the critics' favourite?

It is clear from the data that the critics' _____,

2. Which play was the least favourite?

whereas _____ popular.

3. How good did the critics think the former was?

The performance of the former was considered to _____

4. How many publications thought this?

by _____ of the four publications,

5. Which publication was the exception and how many stars did it give the critics' favourite play?

with _____ awarding it two stars.

6. Which play was the next favourite and how many stars did it receive?

_____ followed very closely with _____ stars in total:

7. Which publications gave what?

two Very Good ratings from _____ and _____ and a Good from each of the other two magazines.

8. What rating did *Henry V* receive?

By contrast, *Henry V* managed to gain only _____ star rating from The Weekly and _____ Poor ratings from the other publications.

9. What did the critics think of *Hamlet*?

Hamlet, meanwhile, was _____ by all of the critics.

10. What ratings did *Electra* receive?

As for *Electra*, the critics gave it _____ stars: two from each publication

11. Which publication was the exception?

except _____ Review.

12. Which magazine is the most generous in its reviews?

It is interesting to note that the magazine which is most generous with its reviews is

_____.

13. What did the magazine give *Henry V*?

giving a _____ to *Henry V*,

14. What did the other publications think of the performance?

while the other publications thought the _____.

Guided writing 3: text completion

Complete the text below using one or more words.

Example: (1) from the data that the ; (4) out of (the) four publications; (7) and

The table shows the review ratings for the performances of five plays by four different publications.

It is clear (1) _____ critics' favourite was *Stolen Identity*,
 _____ (2) _____ *Henry V* was the least popular. _____ (3) _____ was considered to
 be very good by three (4) _____, with _____ (5) _____ two stars. *Three
 Sisters* _____ (6) _____ with ten stars in total: two Very Good ratings from The
 Northern Review and The Weekly, (7) _____ a Good from each of the
 _____ (8) _____.

_____ (9) _____, *Henry V* managed _____ (10) _____ two star rating from The
 Weekly and three Poor ratings _____ (11) _____. *Hamlet*, _____ (12) _____, was
 considered Adequate _____ (13) _____.

_____ (14) _____, the critics gave it a total of seven stars: two from each publication
 _____ (15) _____ for The Northern Review.

It is _____ (16) _____ the magazine which is most generous with its reviews is The
 Weekly, _____ (17) _____ a Good rating to *Henry V*, _____ (18) _____ the other
 publications _____ (19) _____ the performance was Poor.

Key

The table shows the review ratings for the performances of five plays by four different publications.

It is clear from the data that the critics' favourite was *Stolen Identity*, whereas *Henry V* was the least popular. The performance of the former was considered to be very good by three out of the four publications, with *The Actor* awarding it two stars. *Three Sisters* followed very closely with ten stars in total: two Very Good ratings from *The Northern Review* and *The Weekly* and a Good from each of the other two magazines.

By contrast, *Henry V* managed to gain only one two star rating from *The Weekly* and three Poor ratings from the other publications. *Hamlet*, meanwhile, was considered Adequate by all of the critics.

As for *Electra*, the critics gave it a total of seven stars: two from each publication except for *The Northern Review*.

It is interesting to note that the magazine which is most generous with its reviews is *The Weekly*, giving a Good rating to *Henry V*, while the other publications thought the performance was Poor.