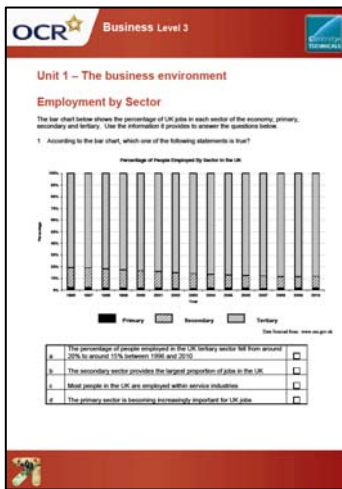


Unit 1 – The business environment

Employment by Sector

Instructions and answers for Teachers

These instructions should accompany the OCR resource 'Employment by Sector', which supports OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Business Unit 1 – The business environment



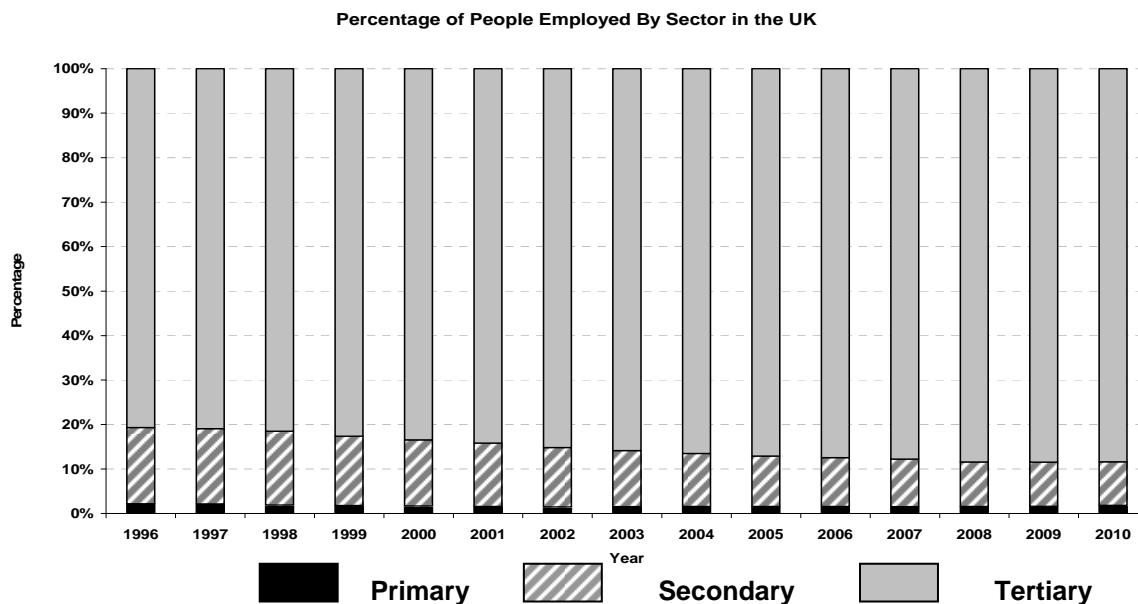
Associated Files:
Employment by Sector

Graph

Expected Duration:
Approx 1 hour

Learners should review the bar chart below. They should familiarise themselves with the key to ensure they can interpret the data within the chart and answer the questions below. There are three questions.

The bar chart shows the percentage of UK jobs in each sector of the economy; primary, secondary and tertiary. Use the information it provides to answer the questions below.



Data Sourced from: www.ons.gov.uk



1 According to the bar chart, which one of the following statements is true?

a	The percentage of people employed in the UK tertiary sector fell from around 20% to around 15% between 1996 and 2010	x
b	The secondary sector provides the largest proportion of jobs in the UK	x
c	Most people in the UK are employed within service industries	✓
d	The primary sector is becoming increasingly important for UK jobs	x

- FALSE – The percentage of people employed in the tertiary sector increased as shown by the larger grey bar.
- FALSE – The grey bar, representing the tertiary sector, is always larger
- TRUE – Correct answer
- FALSE – The primary sector is clearly the smallest sector according to the bar chart

2 Describe how UK employment in each of the three sectors has changed between 1996 and 2010.

In the sample answer below data is provided for clarification purposes. Learners are only expected to give approximate figures.

The percentage of people employed in the primary sector has fallen from 2.22% in 1996 to 1.84% in 2010. The fall was consistent between 1996 and 2002, but since then there has been a slight upward trend to 2010, despite a small dip in 2006 and 2007. The percentage of people employed in the secondary sector has consistently fallen between 1996 (when it was 17.09%) to 2010 (when it was 9.79%).

The percentage of people employed in the tertiary sector increased slowly between 1996 (80.69%) and 2009 (88.46%). There was a very small decrease in 2010 (to 88.38%), but this sector employs far more people than either of the other two sectors.

(Learners may not identify the very small changes since they are not immediately obvious from the chart.)



- 3 What do you think is likely to happen to employment levels in each of the three sectors over the next ten years?

Sample answer

The trend of falling employment within the secondary sector is likely to continue, as firms continue to exploit the cost savings that may be available from moving manufacturing abroad, benefitting from reduced land and labour costs.



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