



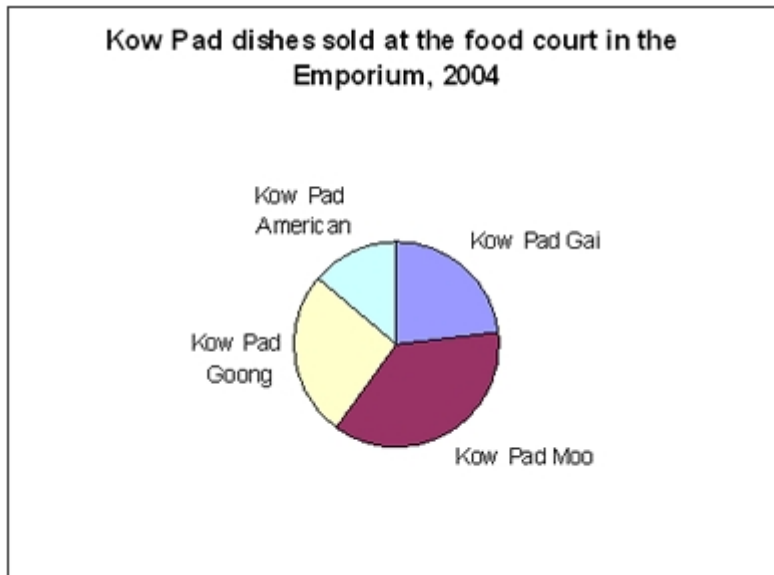
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## Useful Language for Pie Charts

**Aim:** This section will give you some useful language so you can give a good answer to a pie chart question in Task 1.

**Problems:** Some people only repeat the percentage for each category and so don't show a variety of vocabulary.

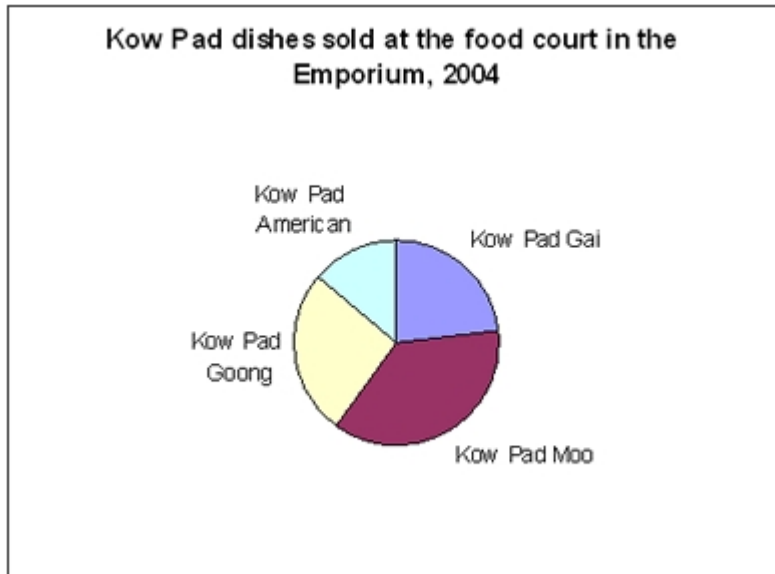
You can get a higher band score for your answer to a pie chart question by using some phrases to describe proportion - or how much of the chart is taken up by each category. Have a look at the example below:



You could write: "The great majority of sales were of Moschino bags at 82%, whereas Gucci sales accounted for only 18%."

The good thing about using phrases to show proportion is that you can give the examiner a very clear idea of what the chart looks like even if there are no figures included in the data. For example:

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You could write: "The majority of dishes sold were Kow Pad Moo at around one-third of all sales. Kow Pad Goong and Kow Pad Gai accounted for just over and just under one-quarter of sales respectively. Finally, only a few dishes of Kow Pad American were sold."

**Useful language:**

a few a small/large proportion of a fair amount of the (vast/great) majority of	one quarter (around/about) one-third (just under/over) a half three-quarters
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**Tip:** Don't overuse the phrases - only use them when it is necessary.

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