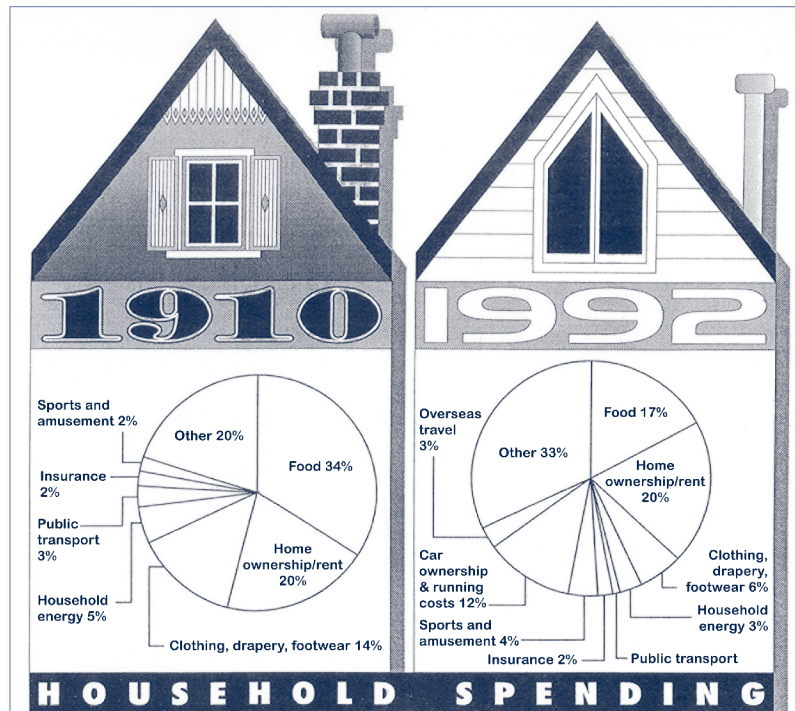


Trend Task: Household Spending

Approach: Independent
 Focus: Interpreting two graphs
 Resources: Chart

Year: 8



Questions / instructions:

The graphs show household spending in 1910 and 1992.

1. What things had the same percent of spending in 1910 and 1992?

- insurance and home ownership
- insurance only
- home ownership only

2. What did 1910 households spend a higher percentage of their money on than 1992 households?

- food
- clothing/drapery/footwear
- household energy
- public transport

3. What one area did 1910 households spend most on?

food

Total score: 7

5-6

3-4

1-2

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% responses
2003 ('99)

year 8

54 (58)

4 (4)

34 (32)

81 (82)

44 (47)

43 (42)

37 (38)

90 (89)

24 (26)

21 (21)

39 (39)

14 (12)

2 (2)

Commentary:

In 2003, year 8 students showed a range of responses when interpreting a pair of graphs (from 37 to 90 percent). There is no change in the level of achievement between 1999 and 2003.