

# Descriptive reports: flowcharts

## 1. ORGANIATION AND STRUCTURE

### Task

**“How to become a doctor”**

**Look at the flowchart of the process on the Smartboard and put the pieces of the essay in the correct order in each of the three paragraphs.**

*Write a number next to each of the sentences below to show the order.*

*In Task One essays conclusions are optional. However, try and write a one sentence conclusion in the space provided. Think about the time it takes to become a doctor.*

### Introduction

- ..... In this essay, I will describe the process of becoming a doctor as it is shown in the flowchart.
- ..... The flowchart gives information about the different steps that are needed to train as a doctor.

### Body

- ..... You receive your medical license.
- ..... You must go to medicine school.
- ..... This also takes about four years.
- ..... You must complete an internship program at a hospital.
- ..... You must pass the licensing exams.
- ..... You must complete a bachelor’s degree.
- ..... You must decide whether or not to specialize.
- ..... This usually takes four years.
- ..... If not, you can take your licensing exams right away.
- ..... This can take between 3 and 7 years.
- ..... If you want to specialize, you need to complete a fellowship.

### Conclusion (optional)

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## 2. LINKING WORDS

### Task

**“Model Essay: How to become a doctor”**  
*Use the words from the box below to complete the essay and show the connections between the steps in the process.*

### Words

Finally      Secondly      First      After that      Next

The flowchart gives information about the different steps that are needed to train as a doctor. In this report, I will describe the process of becoming a doctor as it is shown in the flowchart.

....., you must complete a bachelor’s degree. This usually takes four years. ....  
....., you must go to medicine school. This also takes about four years. ...., you  
must complete an internship program at a hospital. This can take between 3 and 7 years. ....  
....., you must decide whether or not to specialize. If you want to specialize, you need to complete  
a fellowship. If not, you can take your licensing exams right away. You must pass the licensing exams. ...  
....., you receive your medical license.

## 3. GOOD INTRODUCTIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

### Task

**“Writing Introductions”**  
*Following are three possible introduction paragraphs for this essay. Two are good, but one is bad. Find the bad introduction and say why it is bad.*

1. The flowchart shows the stages in the process of becoming a doctor. In this report, I will describe each stage. I will do this from the first step of completing a bachelor’s degree to the last one of receiving a medical license.
2. I’m going to tell you all about what you need to do to be a doctor because it’s a really great job and you’ll like it. First, you have to spend four years getting a degree, and then another four years at medical school. After that, there’s a whole lot more work that I’ll write about in the following paragraphs, so keep reading!
3. The flowchart illustrates the steps that are necessary to become a doctor. In the following paragraphs, I will discuss this process. There are between 6 and 7 steps from completing a first degree to gaining a medical license.

I think introduction ... is bad because .....

