

# Unit 2 Writing quiz

**A** Look at the table about how ownership of high-tech devices in the U.S. has changed in recent years.

**Percentage of American adults (age 18+)  
who own high-tech devices (2006–2011)**

Date	Desktop computer	Laptop computer	Cell phone
Apr 2006	68%	30%	73%
Dec 2007	65%	37%	75%
Apr 2008	65%	39%	78%
Apr 2009	64%	47%	85%
Sep 2009	62%	47%	84%
May 2010	62%	55%	82%
Sep 2010	59%	52%	85%
May 2011	57%	56%	83%
Aug 2011	55%	57%	84%

**B** Write one or two paragraphs about how the ownership of high-tech devices in the U.S. has changed over time. Use information from the table in Part A.

Make sure that you:

- describe the table.
- describe and compare statistics.
- use expressions like *as can be seen*, *as shown*, etc.

## Sample Answer

The table shows the percentage of American adults who owned different high-tech devices from 2006 to 2011. During this period, the percentage of people who owned cell phones and laptops increased. Ownership of laptop computers accounted for the greatest change, with a jump from 30 percent in 2006 to 57 percent in 2011. Cell phone ownership also increased by 14 percent.

In contrast, ownership of desktop computers actually decreased by 13 percent. As illustrated in the table, the percentage of people who owned a desktop computer dropped from 68 percent in 2006 to 55 percent in 2011. This shows a clear trend toward an increase in ownership of laptop computers as compared to desktop computers.