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### ~ Writing Model ~

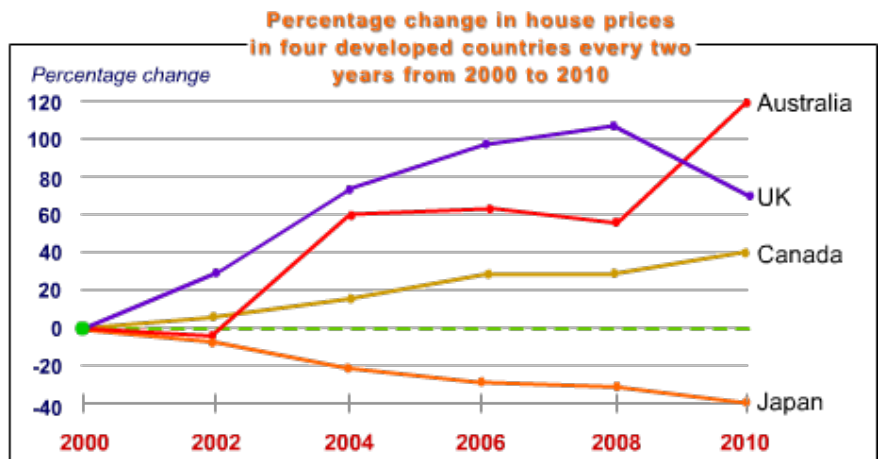
#### ~ IELTS Academic Task 1 Writing / Model Two / "Housing Prices" ~

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The graph and table give information about the cost of houses in selected developed countries.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.



Average wages and house prices in Australia in 2000 and 2010

Year	Average yearly wage (Australian Dollars)	Average house price (Australian Dollars)	House price as % of yearly wage
2000	\$44,000	\$250,000	570%
2010	\$67,000	\$525,000	780%

### Model Two: "Housing Prices"

The graph looks at changes to house prices in certain developed countries, every two years from 2000 to 2010, while the table compares house prices and wages in Australia.

Of the four countries, Australia had the biggest increase over the 10-year period of 120%. With an increase of about 70%, the UK had the second highest growth in prices by 2010. In 2008, however, the UK's house prices had increased by over 100%, while Australia's increase was less than 60% at the same time.

Canada, with growth of 40% over the period, had the most consistent increase in price. Japan, on the other hand, had a decline in house prices of 40%. It was the only country of the four where house prices fell over the ten-year period.

The table shows that the average house price in Australia more than doubled over the ten-year period. In 2000 the average house price was \$250,000, which was 570% of the annual average wage. In 2010, however, house prices were \$525,000, or 780% of the average annual wage.

In a period when house values fell significantly in Japan, houses became much more expensive for the average Australian house buyer.