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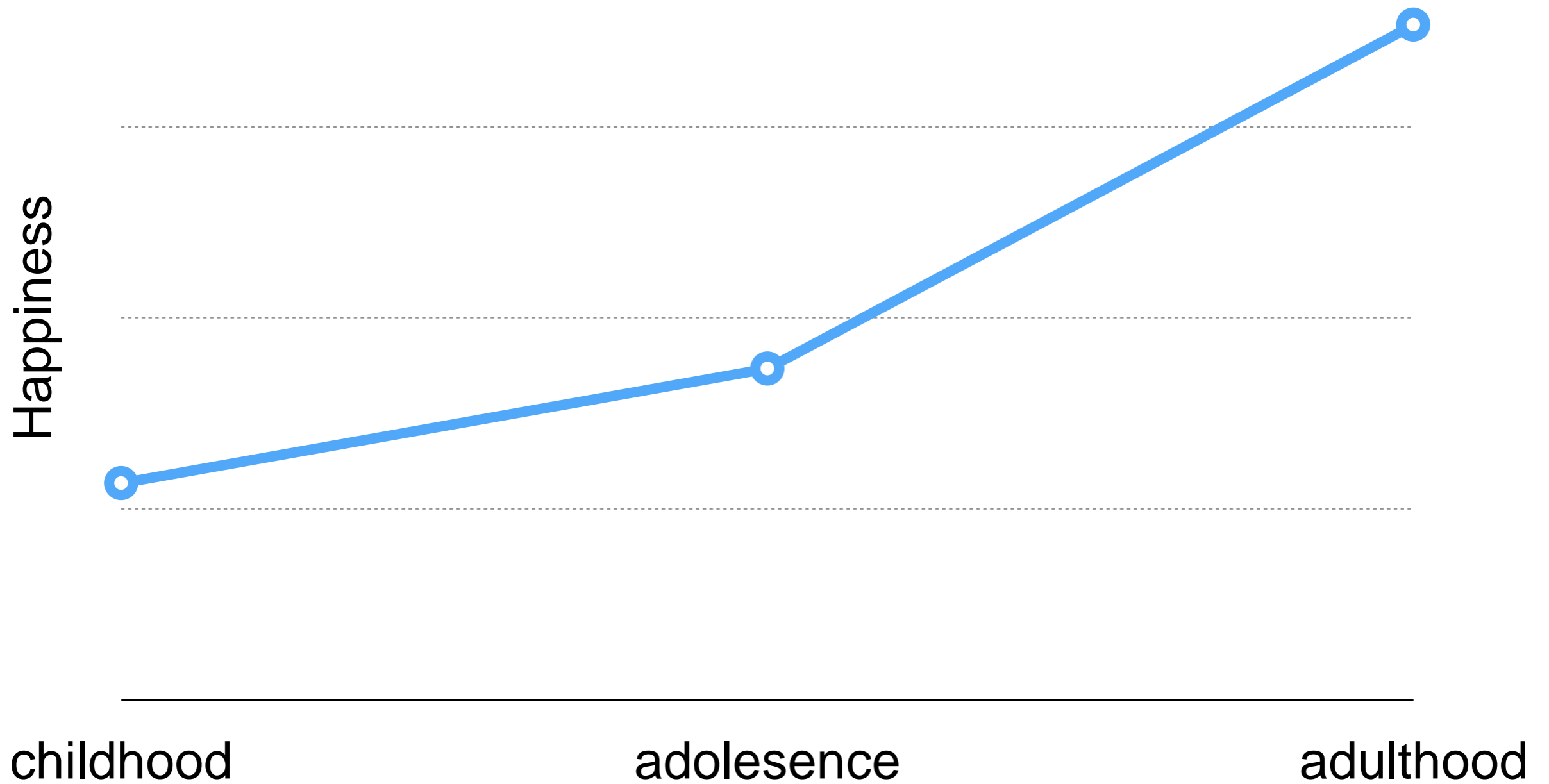
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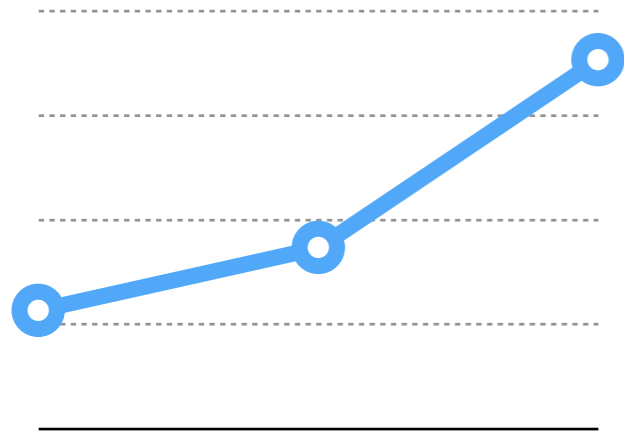
Describing Charts and Graphs

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Does this look like your life?

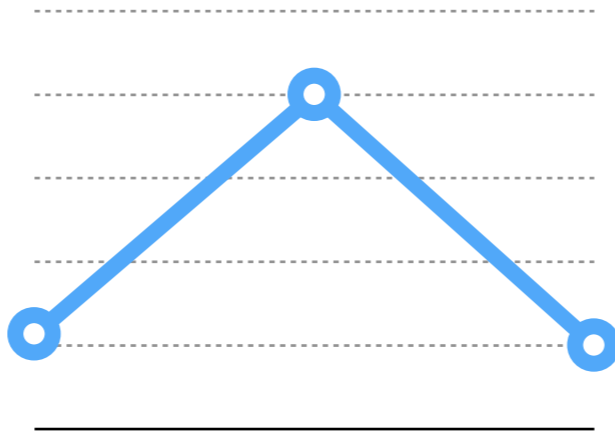


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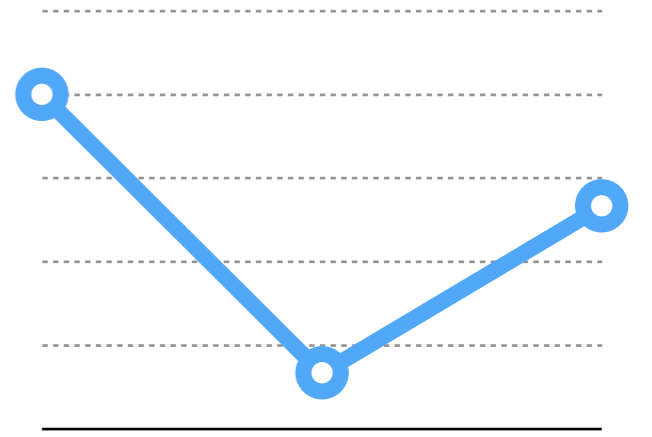
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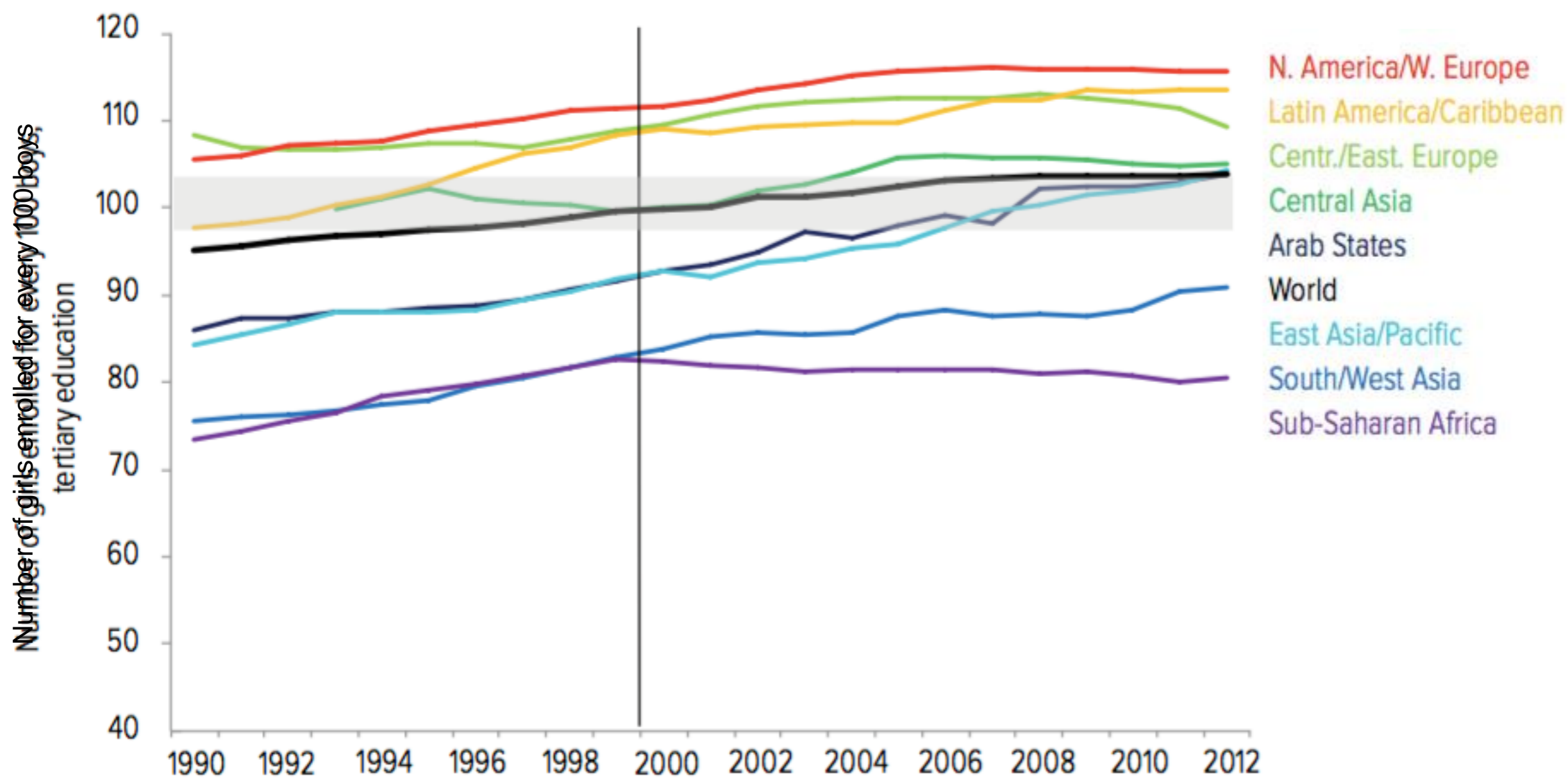


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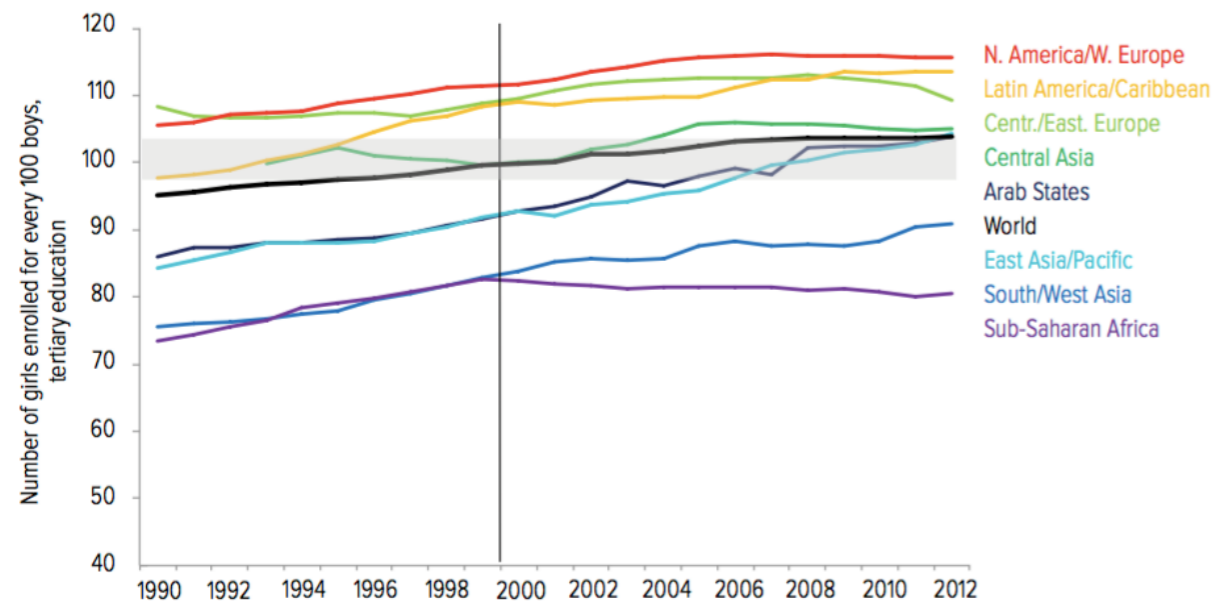
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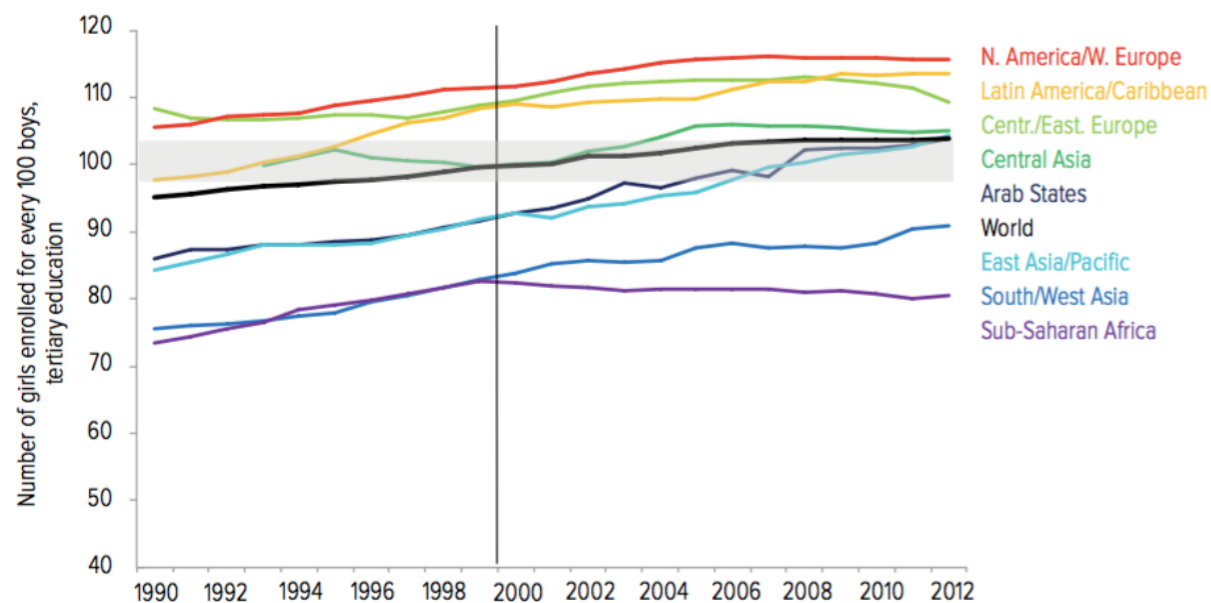
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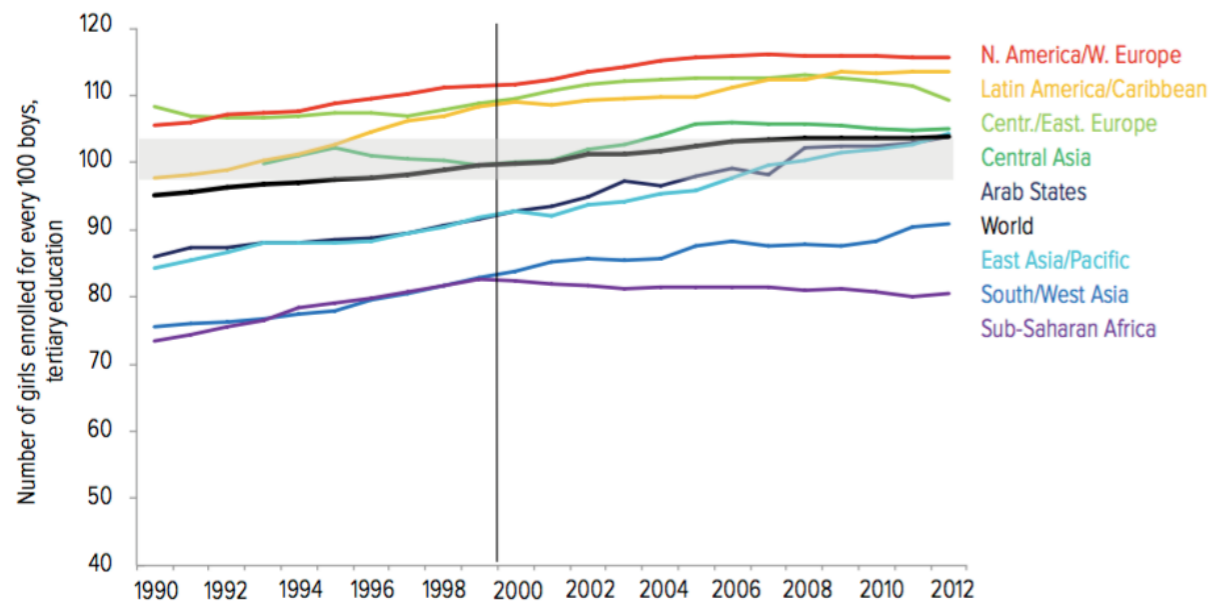
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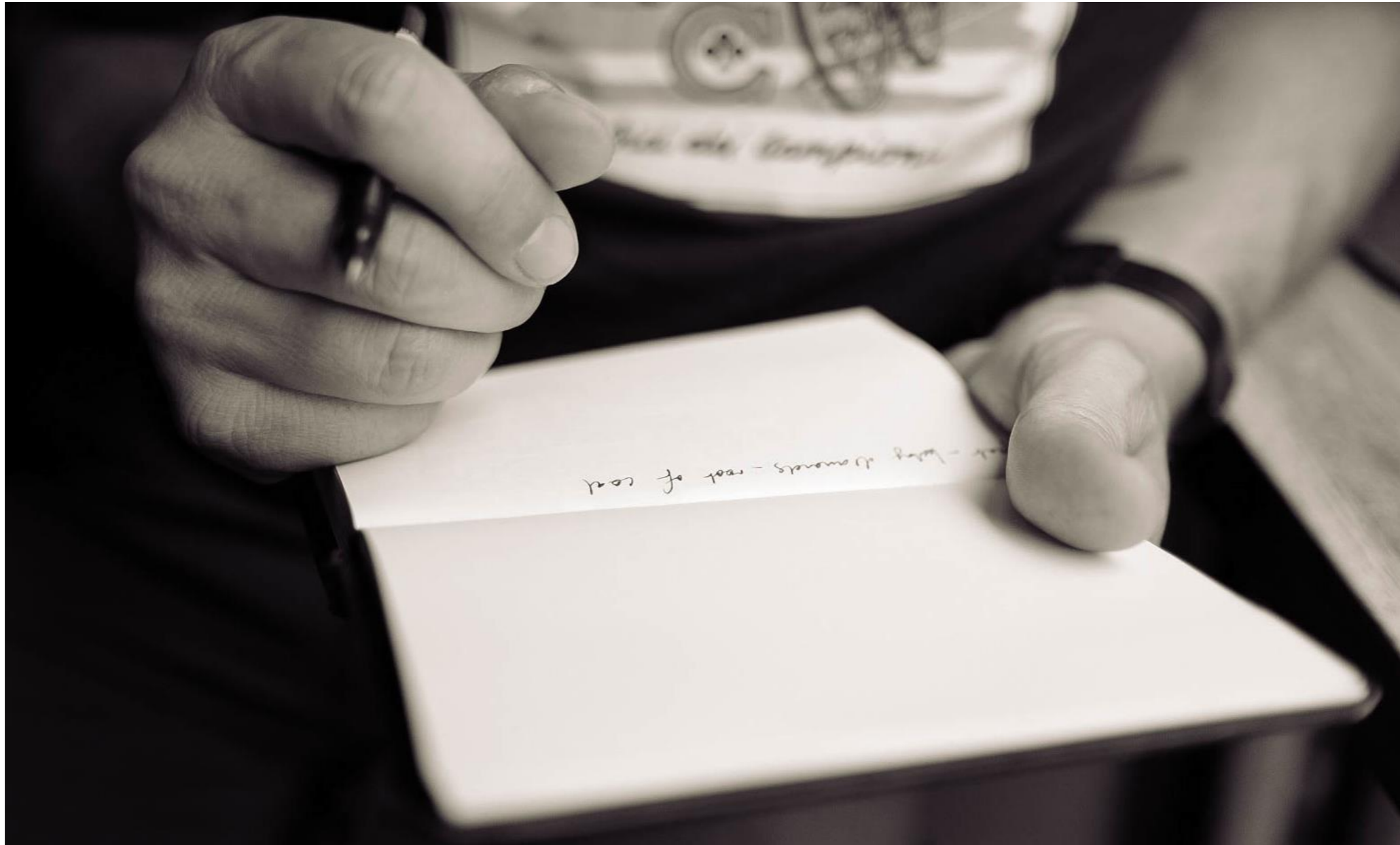


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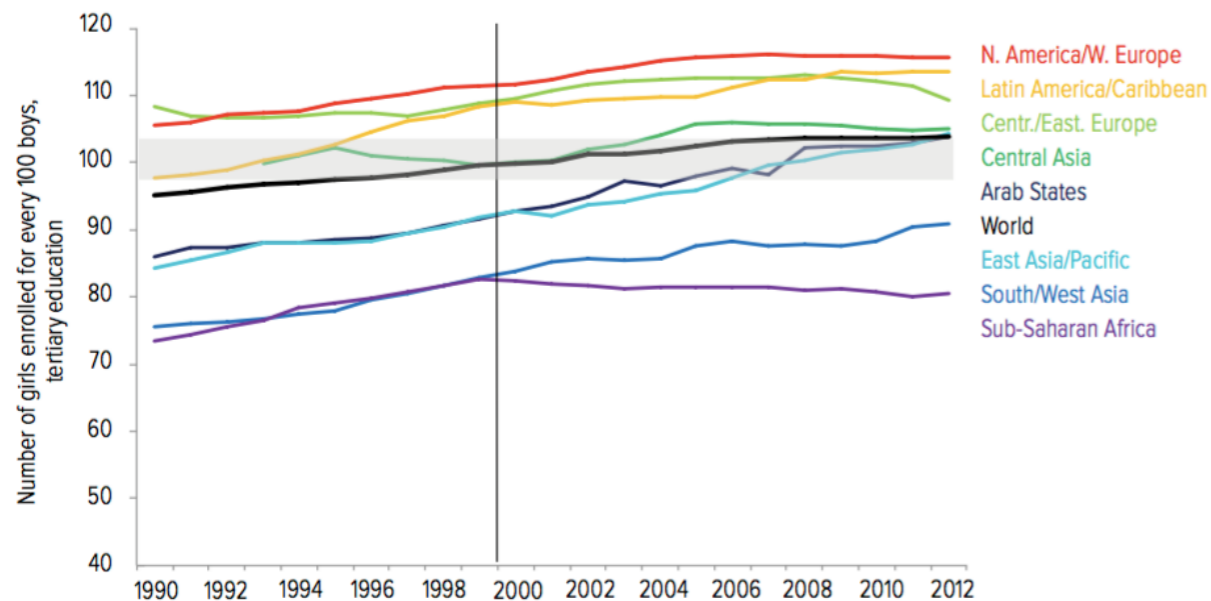
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Reporting Verbs

Analyzing Strength and Tone

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Choose alternatives

that will not change the meaning

was evident

appeared

experienced

encountered

felt

believed

realized

found out

stated

said

okay



good



excellent

weak

neutral

strong

Why discuss tone?

Compare the original statement to the summaries

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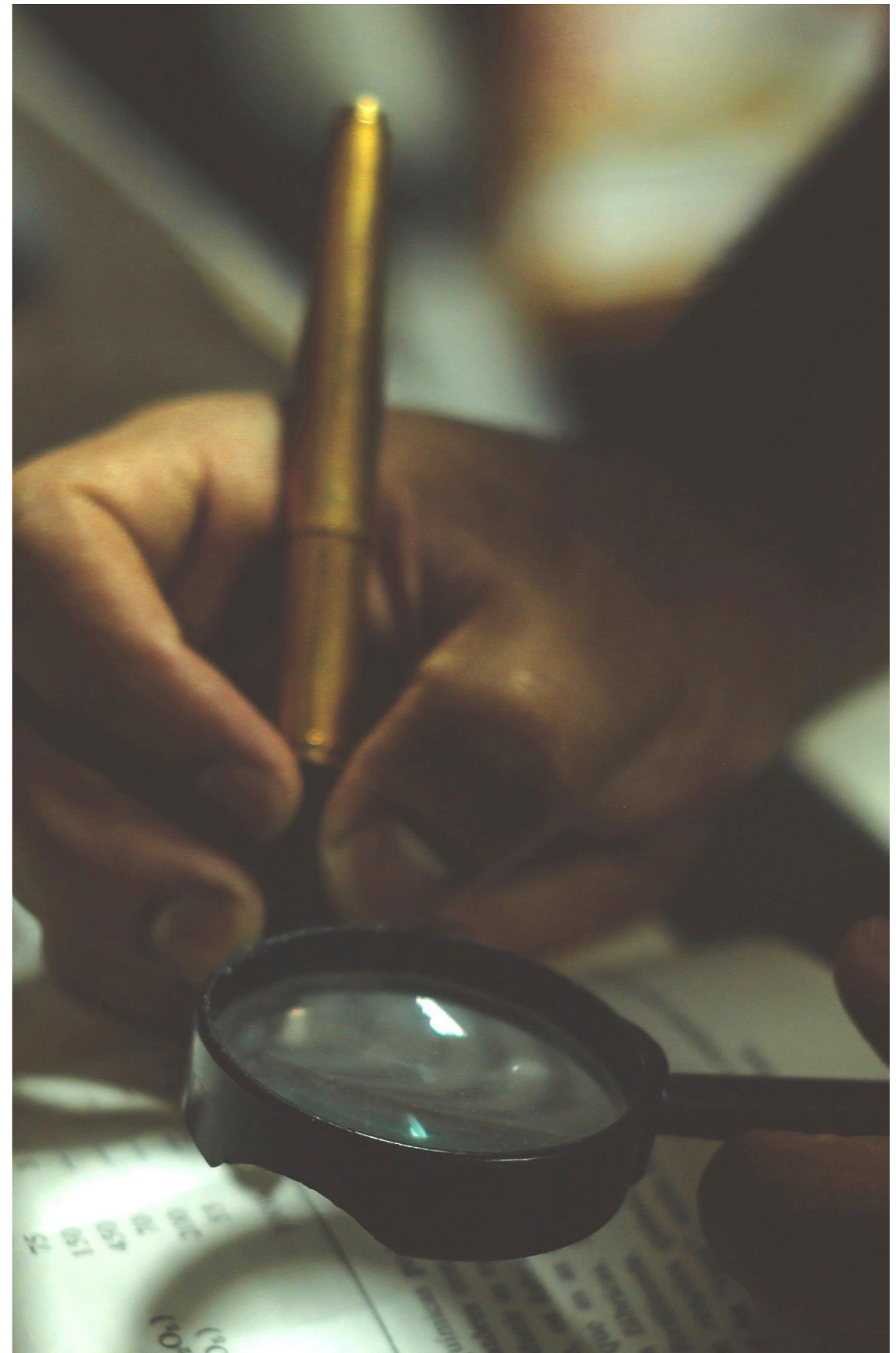
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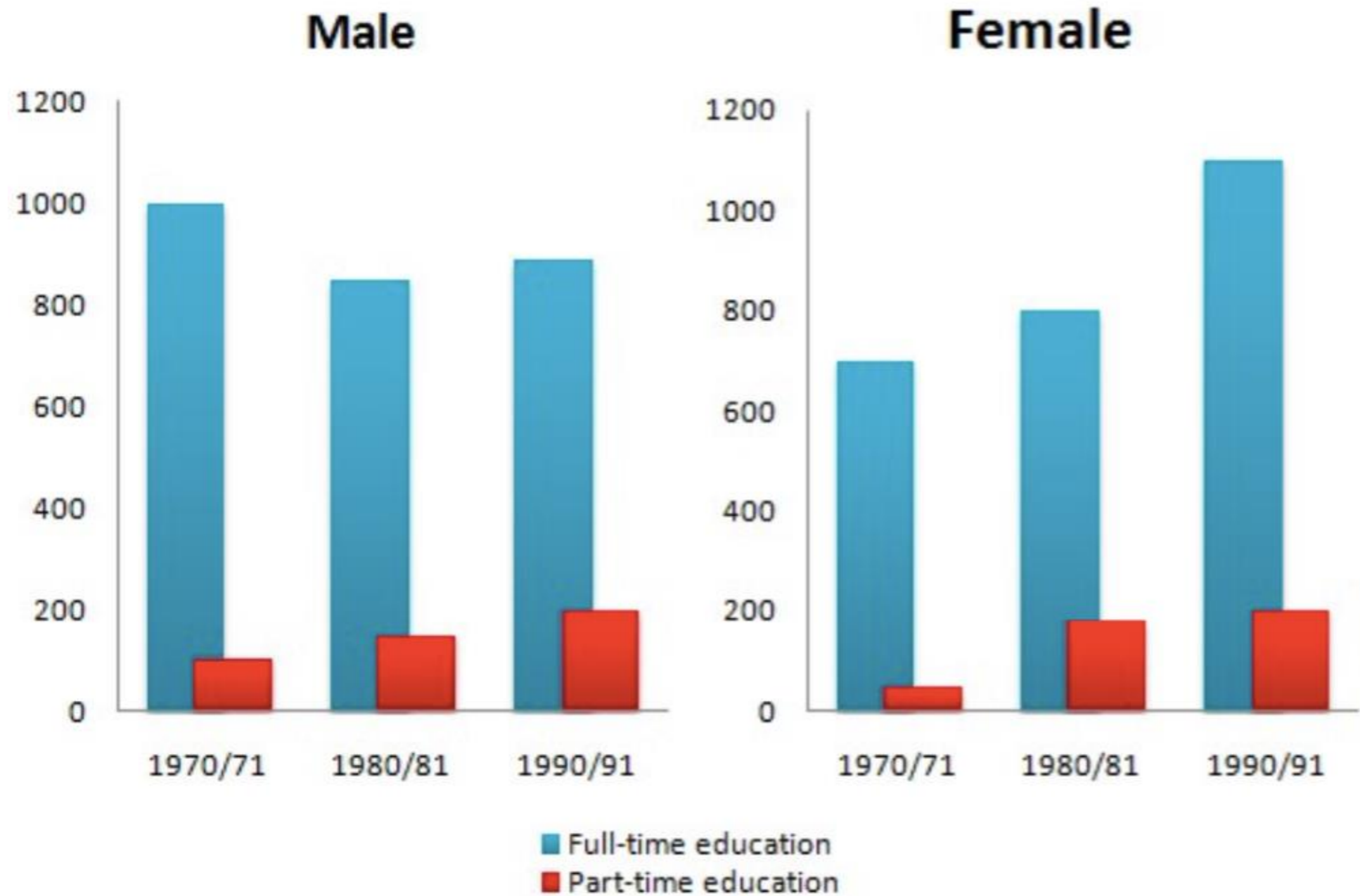
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neutral	tentative	strong
allege	suggest	affirm +
define	hypothesize	maintain +
point out	assume	reveal +
mention	speculate	reject -
report	theorize	disprove -
explain	recommend	cast doubt -

Evaluation

Review more examples
with a partner





the number of men and women in further education in Britain
full time and part time

Sample Description 1

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Summarizing Others

Learn and Give Credit



Did I Plagiarize?

1. Word-for-Word Plagiarism

- *“borrowing words” without using quotations*

2. Patchwork Plagiarism

- *mixing pieces with your own words*

3. Substitutive Plagiarism

- *using synonyms to hide direct copying of ideas*

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Word-for-Word Plagiarism

Why is it plagiarism?

Notice that the writer has “borrowed” Graff & Birkenstein’s words and has also largely maintained the authors’ method of expression and sentence structure.

The underlined phrases are directly copied from the source or changed only slightly.

Even if the student had cited Graff & Birkenstein as the source of the content, the passage would be plagiarized because no quotation marks indicate that the phrases come directly from the original text.

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Graff and Birkenstein (2014) describe how many writers shy away from summarizing. They explain that perhaps this occurs because writers don't have time to go back to the text in question and wrestle with what it says. These writers avoid mentioning what the article argues or says, and they only offer their own views on merely the article's topic. On the other hand, some authors do nothing but summarize. They seem to lack confidence in what they have to say, so writers like this summarize others' ideas to the point that their own voice gets lost.

Patchwork Plagiarism

Why is it plagiarism?

This paraphrase is composed of pieces in the original author's language and pieces in the new author's words.

They are all rearranged into a new pattern, but none of the borrowed pieces are in quotation marks.

Thus, even though the writer acknowledges the source of the material, the underlined phrases are falsely presented as the new author's own.

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Substitutive Plagiarism

Why is it plagiarism?

This paraphrase, much like Patchwork Plagiarism, is composed of the original author's language, but some words have been changed to be synonyms to avoid direct plagiarism.

All of the ideas, most of the sentence structure, and most of the words are from the original source, and none of the borrowed ideas or words are attributed to the original author.

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In *The Art of Summarizing*, Graff and Birkenstein (2014) provide two different problems that arise when authors attempt to summarize source material. For one, some authors do not look at the main point, or argument, of an article. Instead, these authors focus on the article's topic and explain their own opinion to such an extreme that they leave out any reference to how the article's argument plays a part in their research. Another problem some authors face is summarizing too much. These authors "so overload their texts with summaries of others' ideas that their own voice gets lost" (p. 31). Due to these difficulties, many authors choose to avoid summarizing altogether.

A Good Summary with Quotations and a Citation

Why is it a good summary?

The writer has documented Graff & Birkenstein's material and specific language (by direct reference to the authors and by quotation marks around language taken directly from the source).

The writer has changed Graff & Birkenstein's language and sentence structure.

This is also the method an author can use to add material to fit his or her new purpose.

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