

Task 1 Dynamic charts and the language of change

1. Verbs in the Past Tense

Write the PAST Tense forms of the following verbs:

go up	
increase	
grow	
rise	
climb	
rocket	
shoot up	
soar	
go down	
fall	
decrease	
drop	
decline	
slump	
plummet	
shrink	
level off/out	
remain steady	
stabilise	
fluctuate	

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See how many synonyms for 'go up' and 'go down' you can remember:

go up	go down

2. Verbs and adverbs

Transform the following sentences from **adjective + noun** to **verb + adverb**:

e.g. There was a **gradual increase** (adjective + noun)

It **increased gradually** (verb + adverb)

- i) There was a sudden fall. → It _____.
- ii) There was a considerable rise. → It _____.
- iii) There was a slight increase. → It _____.
- iv) There was a slow decline. → It _____.

3. There was/were

Transform the following sentences from **verb + adverb** to **adjective + noun**:

e.g Inflation **went up noticeably**.

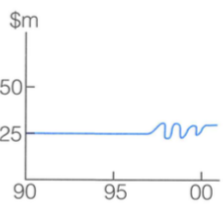
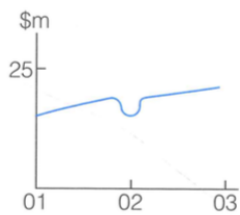
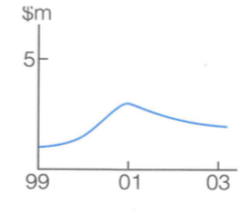
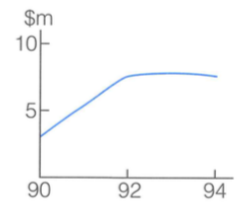
There was a **noticeable increase** in inflation.

- v) Prices increased sharply. → There was a _____ in prices.
- vi) Temperatures fell dramatically. → There was a _____ in temperatures.
- vii) Visitor numbers decreased significantly. → There was _____ in visitor numbers.
- viii) The population increased suddenly. → There _____ the population.

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Describing trends

Write a single sentence to describe what you can see in each graph:

Answers

Verbs in the past tense

Go up	Went up	Climb	Climbed
Increase	Increased	Rocket	Rocketed
Grow	Grew	Shoot up	Shot up
Rise	Rose	Soar	Soared
Climb	Climbed		
Go down	Went down	level off/out	Levelled off/out
Fall	Fell	remain steady	Remained steady
Decrease	Decreased	stabilise	stabilised
Drop	Dropped	fluctuate	fluctuate
Decline	Declined	level off/out	levelled off/out

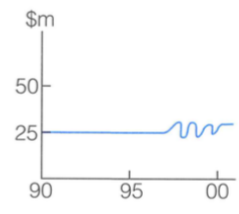
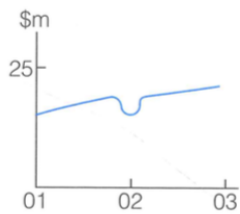
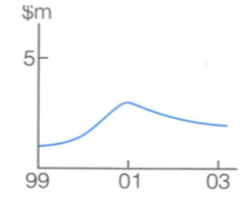
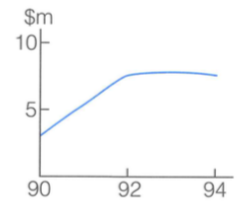
Questions 3 and 4

i) There was a sudden fall.	It fell suddenly.
ii) There was a considerable rise.	It rose considerably.

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iii) There was a slight increase.	It increased slightly.
iv) There was a slow decline.	It declined slowly.
v) Prices increased sharply.	There was a sudden increase in prices.
vi) Temperatures fell dramatically.	There was a dramatic fall in temperatures.
vii) Visitor numbers decreased significantly.	There was a significant decrease in visitor numbers.
viii) The population increased suddenly.	There was a sudden increase in the population.

Describing trends

			
Sales fluctuated .	Sales dipped briefly.	Sales reached a peak .	Sales levelled off/ plateaued.
There was a period of fluctuation .	There was a brief dip .	There was a peak in sales.	There was a levelling off/ a plateau.