PARAPHRASING

DESCRIBING TRENDS

1. Complete the table with the appropriate forms of the phrases

Verb phrase	Noun phrase	Verb phrase	Noun phrase
rise sharply	a sharp rise	soar	
increase quickly		plummet	
fall dramatically		fluctuate	
decrease slightly		level off	

Note: DO NOT combine verbs and decribing big changes (Ex: ~~soar sharply~~,...)

2. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meaning

Examples:

+ The number of young people working on farms has decreased sharply over the past years.

=> There has been a sharp decrease in the number of young people working on farms.

+ The number of urban inhabitants rose by 15% from 1990 to 1995.

=> There was a rise of 15% in the number of urban inhabitants from 1990 to 1995.

Rewrite the sentences

1. The migration of young people to big cities has risen dramatically.

=> There _____.

2. Due to shortages of jobs, there has been a decrease in the population in rural areas in the last 10 years.

=> Due to shortages of jobs, the population _____.

3. The urbanisation rate in Indonesia increased by over 30% from 1969 to 2009.

=> There _____.

4. There was a sharp rise in the rate of urbanisation in South Korea during the period between 1969 and 1989.

=> The rate of urbanisation _____.

5. The urbanisation rate in this city decreased slightly during the economic crisis in 2008.

=> There was _____.

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