

Listening Part Three

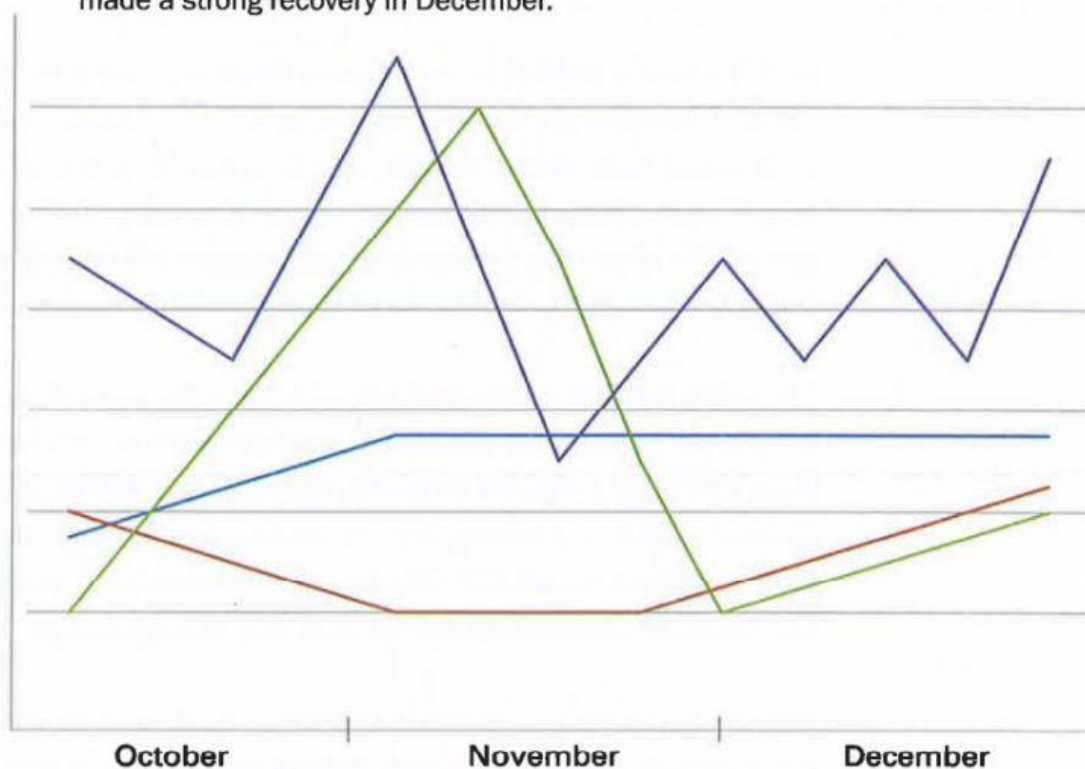
Business News

Business news is often about the rise and fall of things such as exports and interest rates.

1 Match the four descriptions to the lines on the line graph.

Label the lines 1–4.

- There was a slight increase during the first half of the period, but it remained stable during the second half.
- It fluctuated throughout the quarter but there was an overall increase.
- It rose sharply, reaching a peak in early November, then fell rapidly. It recovered a little at the end of the quarter.
- It experienced a steady decline in October, remained stable in November, and made a strong recovery in December.



2 True or False?

You are going to hear three business news stories. There are two true/false questions for each story. Write 'T' or 'F' for 1–6.

- Consumer confidence rose sharply from June to July.
- Business confidence in July was 62.
- Manufacturing output in Germany fell in June but rose in July.
- Exports are expected to increase over the next few months.
- The number of jobless in the UK has dropped.
- The number of unemployed is likely to remain steady for the near future.