



Statistics and Trends

1. REPRESENTING DATA: Label the images below.

a bar graph

a pie chart

a line graph

a spreadsheet

an area graph

a Venn diagram



1. _____



2. _____



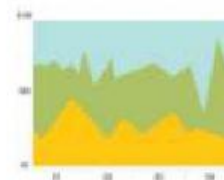
3. _____

912,480	16,073,28	288,233,75
912,477	17,093,75	296,004,75
912,480	17,919,72	305,100,25
912,490	18,740,71	314,304,21
912,500	19,573,81	323,529,7
912,510	20,409,33	332,880,7
912,520	21,252,77	342,360,7
912,530	22,104,83	351,880,7
912,540	22,965,32	361,440,7
912,550	23,834,33	371,040,7

4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Which visuals are best for...

- showing a trend over time?
- comparing two or more factors among categories?
- showing qualitative relationships?
- showing how something is composed?
- comparing two trends?

2. PRESENTING VISUALS: Complete the sentences about each visual in Exercise 1.

comparison - fluctuation - refers - relationship - see - shows

- Here you can see a _____ between the most popular internet browsers.
- This chart _____ our share of the market.
- This diagram shows the _____ between cost, analysis and benefit.
- This figure _____ to our turnover last year.
- As you can _____ from this graph, our sales increased last year.
- This chart shows the _____ in the price of oil in 2015 compared with 2010.

3. DESCRIBING TRENDS: Match the phrases to the graph below

remain the same

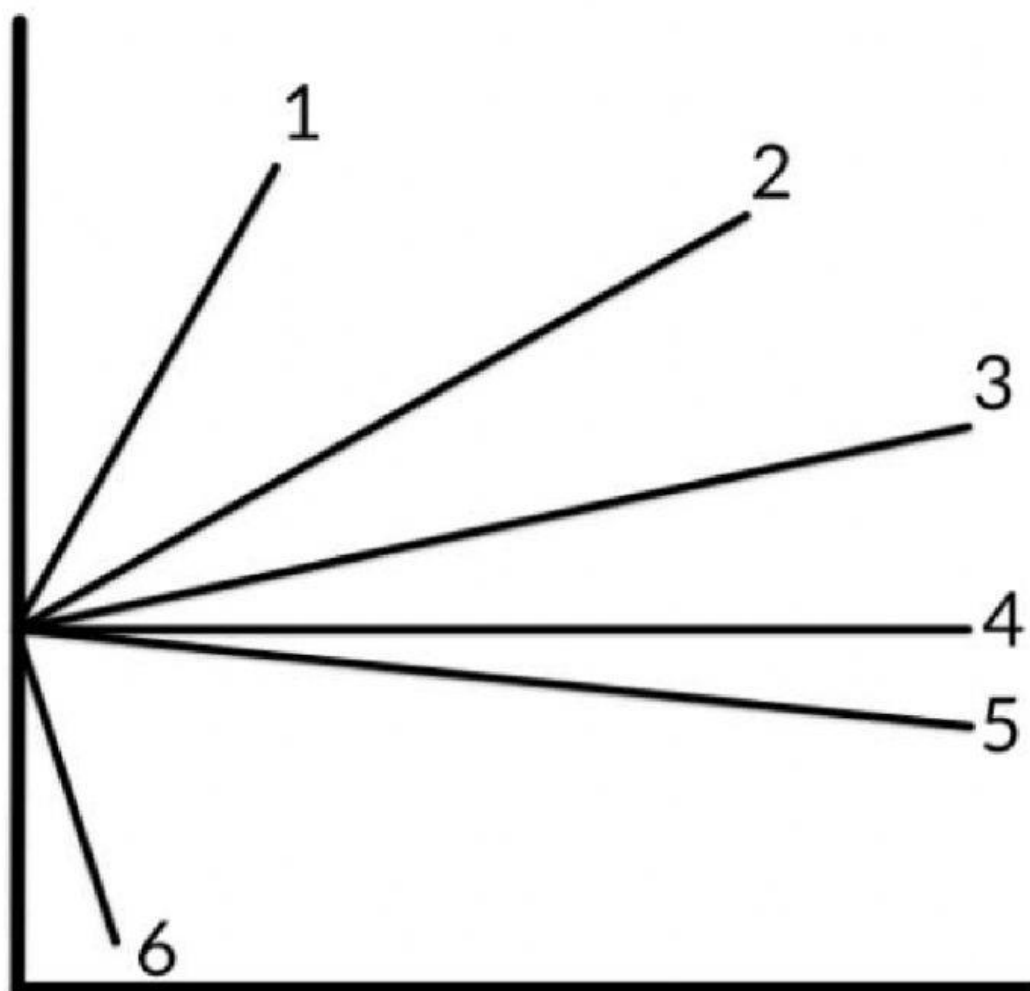
go up slightly

rise dramatically

decrease slightly

increase sharply

fall dramatically



4. TRENDS: There are two common ways of describing trends – with nouns and with verbs. Study the table below.

	Verbs	Nouns
'UP'	increase, go up, rise, grow, improve <i>The price of oil went up dramatically.</i>	an increase, a rise, a growth, an improvement <i>There was a dramatic increase in the price of oil.</i>
'SAME'	remain the same <i>Sales remained the same in the third quarter.</i>	no change <i>There was no change in sales in the third quarter.</i>
'DOWN'	go down, fall, drop <i>Profit dropped sharply.</i>	a decrease, a fall, a drop <i>There was a sharp drop in profit.</i>

Now complete the sentences below with a noun or verb in the correct tense (present simple, present continuous, past simple or present perfect simple). Use adjective or adverb quantifiers such as sharp/sharply, slight/slightly, dramatic/dramatically, etc.

Example: Last year, our company's sales went up slightly.

1. Last year, our company's sales _____.
2. At the moment, the economy in my country _____.
3. In the past 10 years, there has been _____ in global temperatures.
4. Prices in my country _____ every year.
5. There was _____ in house prices last year.
6. Recently, there has been _____ in traffic on the streets.
7. The number of people with internet access _____ in recent years.



8. There has been _____ in the number of people without internet access.
9. The gap between rich and poor _____ in the last decade.
10. The price of petrol _____ in recent years.

Adapted from: Statistics and Trends, Linguahouse.

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