






## DESCRIBING TRENDS

USE THE FOLLOWING VERBS TO DESCRIBE TRENDS

decrease, level off, increase, reach a high, fluctuate, peak or reach, remain the same, rise, fall, grow, drop, decline, remain stable, reach a low of, stood at, plunge (big change), double, stabilize, treble, plummet (big change), rocket.

### Useful language: describing trends

Meaning	VERB	NOUN
go down 	decrease fall drop decline plunge (big change) plummet (big change)	same same same same / /
go up 	increase rise grow double treble rocket (big change)	same same growth doubling in + n trebling in + n /
no change 	level off remain the same remain stable stabilize	a levelling off at / / /
constant change 	fluctuate	fluctuation in + n
position 	reach a high / peak of reach a low of stood at	a high of a low of /

Meaning	ADJ/ADV
small change	steady(ly) slight(ly) gradual(ly)
large change	considerable (ly) sharp(ly) dramatic(ally) significant(ly) substantial(ly)

ADJ & ADV PATTERNS	TIME PHRASES
<p><b>Sb + v + ADJ + N</b></p> <p><i>There was a <b>substantial increase</b> in students in 2006.</i></p>	<p>from 2000 to 2005</p> <p>from 150 to 200 units</p> <p>in 2006</p> <p>for 5 years</p> <p>between 2000 and 2005</p> <p>during / throughout the period from 2000 to 2005</p>
<p><b>Sb + V + ADV</b></p> <p><i>The number of students <b>increased substantially</b> throughout the period from 2002 to 2006.</i></p>	