

DESCRIBING TRENDS

USE THE FOLLOWING VERBS TO DESCRIBE TRENDS

decrease, level off, increase, reach a high, fluctuate, peak of 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	Meaning	ADJ/ADV
go down	decrease fall drop decline plunge (big change) plummet (big change)	same same same same / /	small change	steady(ly) slight(ly) gradual(ly)
go up	increase rise grow double treble rocket (big change)	same same growth doubling in + n trebling in + n /	large change	considerable (ly) sharp(ly) dramatic(ally) significant(ly) substantial(ly)
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 /		

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