

## Writing Ex. > Task 1 - Academic Vocabulary

Adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>significant</li> <li>abrupt</li> <li>gradual</li> <li>steady</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>considerable</li> <li>sudden</li> <li>slight</li> <li>constant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dramatic</li> <li>rapid</li> <li>moderate</li> <li>consistent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sharp</li> <li>steep</li> <li>minimal</li> <li>continuous</li> </ul>	
Nouns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a fall</li> <li>a rise</li> <li>a variation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a decrease</li> <li>an increase</li> <li>a fluctuation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a decline</li> <li>a growth</li> <li>a change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a dip</li> <li>a climb</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a drop</li> <li>a peak</li> </ul>
Verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to fall</li> <li>to rise</li> <li>to vary</li> <li>to level off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to decrease</li> <li>to increase</li> <li>to fluctuate</li> <li>to flatten out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to decline</li> <li>to grow</li> <li>to remain constant/steady/stable/unchanged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to plummet</li> <li>to soar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to plunge</li> <li>to leap</li> </ul>
Phrases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to hit the highest point</li> <li>to show an upward trend</li> <li>to reach a peak / a bottom</li> <li>to show some fluctuation</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to hit/reach the lowest point</li> <li>to show a downward trend</li> <li>to hit a low</li> <li>to fluctuate wildly</li> </ul>		
Adverbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dramatically</li> <li>gradually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>significantly</li> <li>slightly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sharply</li> <li>gently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>considerably</li> <li>steadily</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>abruptly</li> <li>rapidly</li> </ul>

### MORE USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- Percent** – the word percent always comes after a number
  - More than 25% of the students do not like eating junk food.
  - More than 25 **percent** of the students do not like eating junk food.
- Percentage** – the word percentage comes after words like *the, a, this* and *that*. Often, it is preceded by an adjective.
  - A small **percentage** of teens do exercise regularly.
  - The **percentage** of adults who have lunch at home on weekends is low.
- Numbers** – for numbers up to ten, write the numbers in words. For numbers over 10, you can write the numbers in digits.
  - **Five** percent of the employees were late this month.
  - More than **50%** of the students handed in their assignments late.

**Note:** *if the sentence starts with a number, always write it in words.*

  - **25** students were from China.      - **Twenty-five** students were from China.
- Nouns or verbs + prepositions** – for numbers to explain trends, use the corresponding preposition:
  - An increase / a drop / a fall (movement noun) **of** 25 percent, a quarter, more than a half
  - 77% **of** the population
  - to rise / decline / decrease / drop (movement verb) **by** 10% (specify the amount of change)
  - to increase / rise / fall / drop (movement verb) **to** 600,000 in 2021 (ending number after the change)
  - to stand / remain / peak / start / finish (non-movement verb) **at** about 8.4 tons (where the graph is)
  - stocks fell / decreased (movement verb) **from 200 to** 150 in August



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5. **Dates** – for dates you should pay attention to the corresponding preposition.

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|---|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| - <b>In</b> December                        | <b>In</b> 2005, | <b>In</b> July 2023                          | <b>In</b> the 1980s |
| - <b>On</b> March 3 <sup>rd</sup>           |                 | <b>On</b> 14 February                        |                     |
| - <b>From</b> 2001-2010                     |                 | <b>From</b> February <b>to</b> June          |                     |
| - <b>By</b> 1998,                           |                 | <b>By</b> the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century  |                     |
| - <b>Over</b> <u>the next</u> years/decades |                 | <b>Over</b> the period                       |                     |
| - <b>Between</b> 1965-1969                  |                 | <b>Between</b> September <b>and</b> December |                     |

## Practice

A. Identify the part of the speech (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb*) of each word in bold below.

- There was a **substantial increase** in the value of stocks on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- House prices **leapt** to 90% in less than a year.
- The number of tourists visiting New York **fell sharply** in October.
- The percentage of students walking to school **continued to rise gradually** over a ten-year period.
- There was a **sharp decrease** in employee turnover after the strike.
- Interest in environmental issues **has risen steadily** over the last 10 years.

B. Complete the sentences below using a noun or an adjective from the chart above.

- There was an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the number of people who drank alcohol during the lockdown.
- Holiday flight tickets have reached a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ during August.
- There was a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ climb in food waste from 150 to 780 kilos in a school year.
- This table compares the projected (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the number of people over the age of 75 with that of the total population.
- Projections show a climb in population soon, but a steady (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the population growth rate.
- There was a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ variation in sales in the last three quarters, which did not affect the cash flow of the company.

C. Complete the sentences below using a verb or an adverb from the chart above.

- Interest in having a healthy lifestyle has risen (1) \_\_\_\_\_ over the last five years.
- At my school food prices usually (2) \_\_\_\_\_ more than a third between May and June.
- The number of elderly doing exercise grew (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from 86 to 90 at the end of the term.
- It is projected that the population in India will increase more (4) \_\_\_\_\_ than in China.
- The percentage of students purchasing lunch at school (5) \_\_\_\_\_ stable last month.
- House prices seem to be (6) \_\_\_\_\_ off after the steep rises of the last few years.
- Our currency (7) \_\_\_\_\_ based on supply and demand from year to year.

D. Complete the sentences using the correct preposition on each line.

- Nearly 52 percent (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the interviewees were female.
- The global population is expected to peak (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 8.2 billion (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 2050.



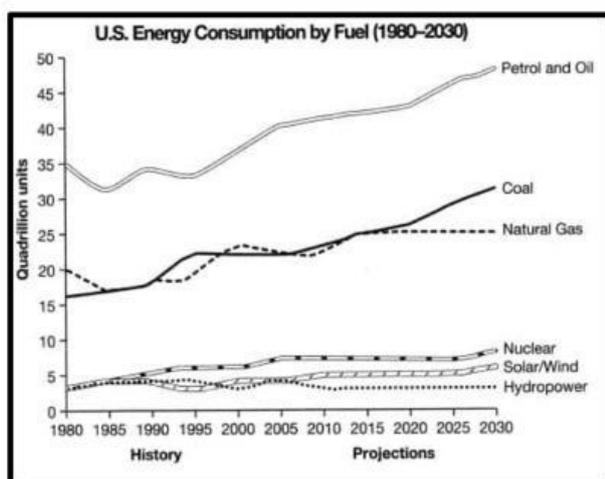
- c. The urban population is expected to remain unchanged (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about 1.3 billion people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the next two decades.
- d. The number of people migrating to Europe rose (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.7 million (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 5.1 million in 2022.
- e. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 and the present day, the birth rate for Colombia has dropped (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 2%.
- f. The pharmaceutical market shares increased (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 20% after the declaration of emergency in several western countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ March 2020.

**E. When summarizing information given you should use *passive voice*. Complete the sentences below using the correct form. There are two examples for you.**

**Example:** - The old cannery established in 1920 **was replaced** (*replace*) by an office complex.  
 - Two of the houses near the Elmwood River **will be demolished** (*demolish*) by 2037.

- a. Today, not only lots of facilities (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (*build*) on the island, but also the sea (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (*use*) for activities.
- b. Over the last decade *Paradise Island* (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (*transform*) into a well-facilitated tourist destination.
- c. By the end of this month street vendors (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (*not permit*) to work near the beach.
- d. By 2012, considerable changes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (*make*) to the north-west part where a coffee shop (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (*remove*), and an adjacent food store (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (*relocate*) to the south-east corner of the mall.
- e. The entrance, however, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (*keep*) in the same location, and the lines of trees surrounding the shopping center remained largely unchanged where possible.

**F. Look at the graph. Complete the idea using ONE or TWO WORDS ONLY in each blank.**



- The line graph shows energy consumption by fuel type in the U.S. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 1980 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.
- Petrol and oil commanded the biggest share with 35 quadrillion units (35q) (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 1980, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to approximately 40q in 2008.
- Coal overtook natural gas in 1990 and, despite some (5) \_\_\_\_\_, is set to be the second most used fuel in 2030 with just over 30q.
- After 2015 it is predicted that natural gas will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and remain (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at about 25q.
- Nuclear and renewable energies represented around 4q in 1980 and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ until 2010.
- It is speculated that nuclear energy will (9) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 10q (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 2030 and solar/wind around 5q, with hydropower (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and then (12) \_\_\_\_\_ at approximately 2q.



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