

VOCABULARY FOR DESCRIBING TRENDS

Verbs and nouns for describing trends and changes

Trend	Verbs	Nouns
	Increase Rise Grow Go up	An _____ A _____ A _____ An _____ trend
	_____ _____ _____ Go _____	A decrease A drop A decline A downward trend
	Level out Remain/ stay + stable/ unchanged/ constant/ steady stabilize	A leveling out (there was) no change
	fluctuate	A _____
	Peak at	Reach the _____ of Hit/ reach the highest point of
		Hit the lowest point of

Adjectives and adverbs for degree / speed of change:

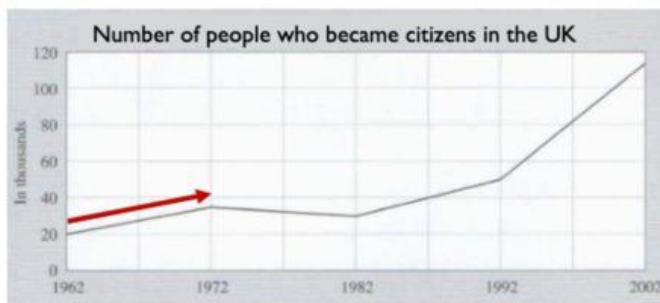
Degree	Adjective	Adverb
Small change	slight	
	marginal	
Average change	moderate	
Large change		considerably
		significantly
		substantially
Slow change	gradual	
	slow	
Fast change	sharp	

	rapid	
	dramatic	
	steep	

Example:

Look at this graph below.

The graph below shows information about citizenship in the UK.



Example

From 1962 to 1972, the number of people who became UK citizens ROSE gradually, from 20 thousand to about 38 thousand.

Labels: time reference (1962 to 1972), change subject (the number of people who became UK citizens), data (from 20 thousand to about 38 thousand), change language (ROSE gradually).

Exercise:

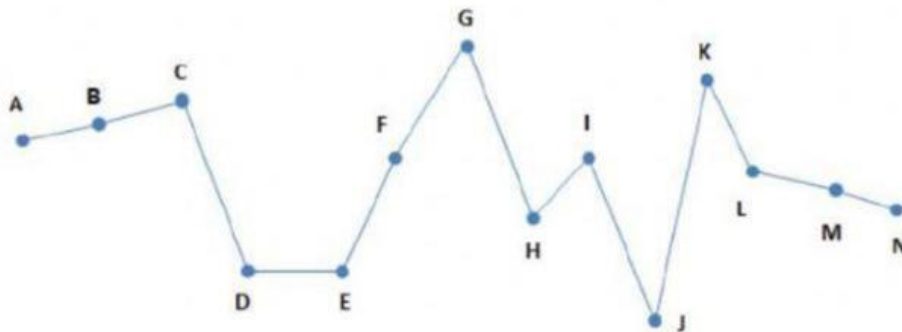
1. Complete the following sentences so that they have the same meaning with the sentence provided in the example:

Structure 1: From 1962 to 1972, there was _____ (4 words) the number of people who became UK citizens from 20 thousand to about 38 thousand.

Structure 2: The period between 1962 and 1972 saw _____ (4 words) the number of people who became UK citizens from 20 thousand to about 38 thousand.

Structure 3: From 1962 to 1972, a _____ (5 words) the number of people who became UK citizens, from 20 thousand to about 38 thousand.

2. Matching



1 A - C	a. remained stable
2 C - D	b. increased substantially
3. D - E	c. fell slowly
4 E - G	d. reached a peak
5 G	e. dropped significantly
6 G - L	f. rose gradually
7 J	g. hit the lowest point
8 L - N	h. fluctuated