

rate

1 Adjective + rate (speed)

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

tremendous	own	present
average	this	steady

1. Babies don't grow at a rate. They grow in fits and starts.
2. Throughout my teaching I've always let my students work at their rate.
3. The car was going at a rate as it passed us. It must have been doing over 150 kilometres an hour.
4. If the numbers of pandas continue to decrease at their rate, they will be extinct in ten years.
5. Most of us walk at an rate of about 5 kilometres an hour.
6. We'll be lucky if we get there by midnight at rate! Can't you go any faster?

2 Rate (money)

Complete the sentences with these words:

interest	exchange
flat	going
variable	inflation
hourly	concessionary

1. What are people usually paid for this kind of work?
> I've no idea what the rate is.
2. We offer special reduced rates for students and pensioners. These rates are also available to the unemployed.
3. Please note that our rates are
If you make a call during peak hours, it is charged at a higher rate.
4. We charge a rate of £2 per hour for internet access, unlike some companies which charge you double before six pm.
5. I need to change these pounds into dollars. What's the current rate?
6. rates are at their lowest for 40 years.
7. There has been a further fall in the rate of this month.
8. The rate for hotel and restaurant workers can be as low as £4.50. That's not enough to live on.

3 Other types of rate

Complete the sentences with these words:

birth	crime
divorce	dropout
heart	success
death	survival

1. She is a highly-paid lawyer because she has a high rate in the cases she handles.
2. The university has a very low rate. Only 2% of students fail to complete their courses.
3. He argued that the rate would be reduced if the police were armed, but few people agreed with him.
4. You attach this machine to your finger and it measures your rate.
5. With new medicines, the rate for people who have this disease is now an amazing 92%.
6. The rate has risen steeply in recent years as more and more women have the financial resources to support themselves.
7. In Southern Africa the rate from AIDS is getting worse and worse.
8. The national rate remained static for a decade, then it started to fall steadily as the standard of living increased.

Notes

1. Note this expression:
Figures published today show another rise in the rate of unemployment.
2. We talk about 'high' and 'low' rate of something:
We put the low crime rate in the area down to good policing.
3. We talk of bank rates, interest rates, hourly rates and daily rates.
Banks have increased interest rates by half of one per cent.
4. We talk about birth rates, death rates and infant mortality rates.
5. In the UK 'rates' sometimes means local taxes. For example: water rates.