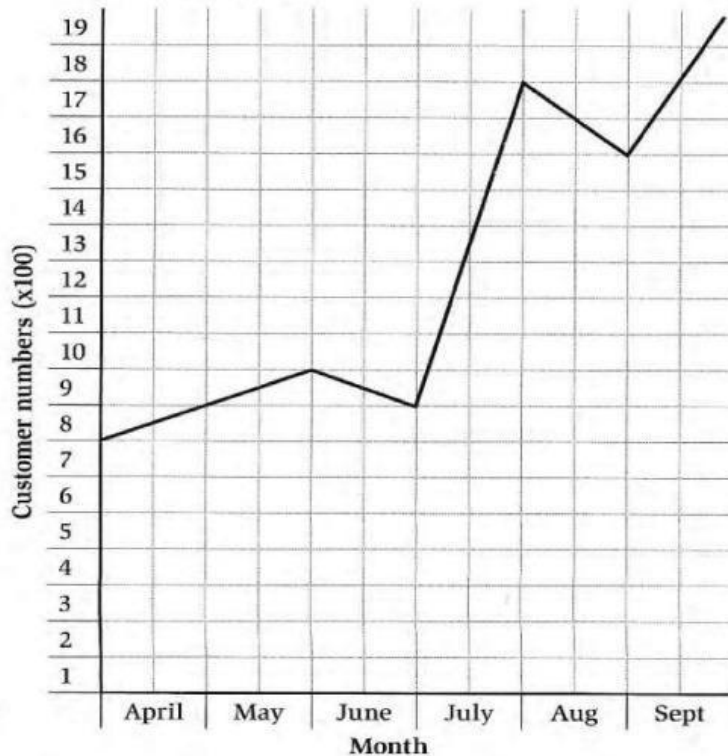


Writing

Task 1

- 1 Look at the graph below, and complete sentences 1–8 with words and phrases from the box. There are two words or phrases that you do not need.

Borderline bookshop



decreased slightly downward trend fell again
fluctuations increased slightly number peaked
rose sharply steady trend upward trend

- 1 The graph shows the number of customers visiting a bookshop over a six-month period.
- 2 Customer numbers in May.
- 3 Customer numbers the following month.
- 4 Customer numbers in July.
- 5 Customer numbers in August.
- 6 Customer numbers in September.
- 7 There were in customer numbers between April and September.
- 8 The graph shows an generally.

- 2 Complete the second sentence in each pair, replacing the words and phrases in bold with words from the box. You will need to use some words more than once.

about another decrease fall fluctuated
gives increase information peak reached
rise sharp slight

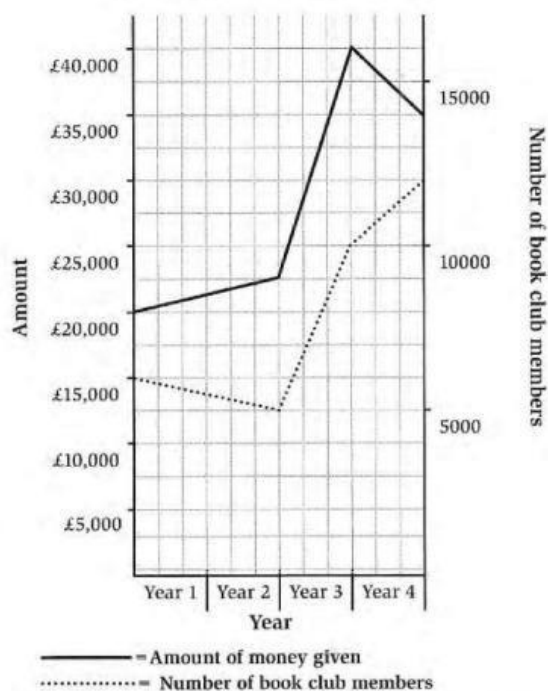
- The graph **shows** the number of customers visiting a bookshop over a six-month period.
The graph *gives information about* the number of customers visiting a bookshop over a six-month period.
- Customer numbers **increased slightly** in May.
There was a in customer numbers in May.
- Customer numbers **decreased slightly** the following month.
There was a in customer numbers the following month.
- Customer numbers **rose sharply** in July.
There was a in customer numbers in July.
- Customer numbers **fell again** in August.
There was in customer numbers in August.
- Customer numbers **peaked** in September.
Customer numbers a in September.
- There were **fluctuations** in customer numbers during the six-month period.
Customer numbers during the six-month period.

- 3 Look at the Writing task below, then do the exercises which follow it.

The graph below shows how much money a city council gave to book clubs over a four-year period. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write at least 150 words.

Council donations to book clubs



- 4 Are these sentences True or False? Underline your answers.

- The graph shows how much money a city council received from book clubs in the city. True / False
- The graph also shows how many book club members there were in the city. True / False
- The graph covers a period of time that began and ended in the past. True / False
- Over the four-year period, there was a steady rise in the amount of money that was given. True / False
- Over the same period, the number of book club members fluctuated. True / False
- Generally, there was a downward trend in the number of book club members. True / False

- 5 Now do the Writing task in Exercise 3. Try to use some of the words, phrases and structures from Exercises 1–4. You should write at least 150 words.

Grammar

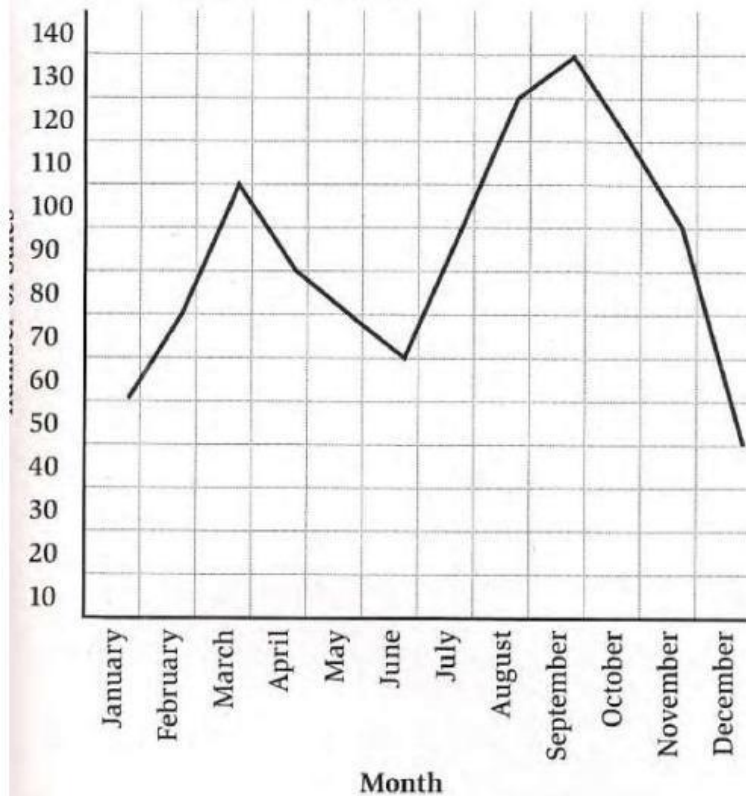
Prepositions to describe graphs

- 1 Look at the graph and complete the paragraph with the prepositions from the box. In some cases, more than one preposition may be possible.



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Ebook reader sales, 2011



between during in for from over

The graph shows ebook reader sales for a small electronics company 1 a one-year period. Sales rose 2 January and March. Then they fell 3 April to June. They went up again 4 the summer, but fell again 5 October. They continued falling 6 the last two months of the year. Overall, ebook reader sales fluctuated considerably 7 2011.