UNIT 5.2: further practice

1. Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in brackets past simple or present continuous and underline the correct preposition: by, from, or to.



Between 1984 and 1996, the number of new marriages (fall).....[1] by 19.78%, from/by 395,800 to 317,500. In the same period, the number of divorces (go up) .....[2] by/from 16.88% to 168.900.

Living alone

Now more and more people (decide).....[3] to live alone. The percentage of one-person homes (rise).....[4] from 10% in 1984 to/by 12% in 1995. The average household size (also/fall).....[5] at the moment. In 1984 it was 2.59 people per household, but now it is less than 2.4.

An ageing population

Currently, the number of retired people (increase).....[6] In 1994, life expectancy (go up) .....[7] from/to 73.9 years for men, and 79.2 years for women. Between 1984 and 1997, the number of people over 75 years of age (increase).....[8] by/from 14.3%, and this number (continue).....[9] to rise now.

A fall in births

Currently, the number of children (also/fall).....[10]. From 1984 to 1997, the number of new births (go down) .....[11] by/from 3.8% to 725,80.

2. Find these numbers in the text below and write them in words.

1984

2.59

12%

725,800

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