LINE CHART – BAR GRAPH – PIE CHART – TABLE
LESSON 1: DESCRIBING TRENDS

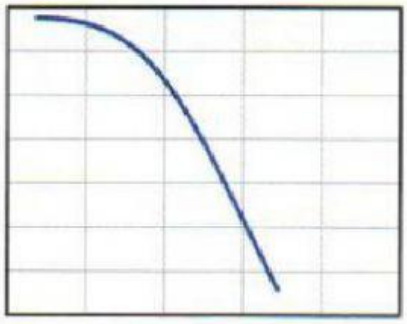
I. VOCABULARY

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Nouns	a rise an increase a surge a growth	a fall a drop a decline a dip	a peak	a fluctuation a variation	a period of stability	a plateau plateaux
Verbs	to rise to increase to surge to grow	to fall to drop to decline to dip	to peak	to fluctuate to vary	to stabilise	to plateau
Phrases	to show an upward trend	to show a downward trend to hit the lowest point to hit a trough	to reach a peak	to show some fluctuation/ variation	to remain stable/ constant	to reach a plateau to level off to flatten out

Adjectives and adverbs	sharp(ly) dramatic(ally) significant(ly)	steady(ily)	relative(ly)	considerable(ably)	the second highest the third lowest	slight(ly) gentle(ly) a little	gradual(ly)

II. PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Use the nouns and the adjectives and verbs and adverbs to describe the trends

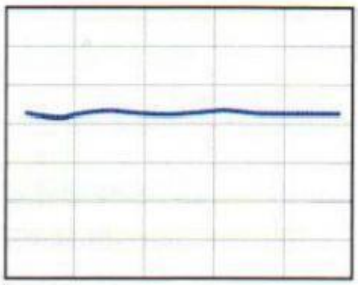


Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A sharp	**Fall**	**Fall**	**Sharply**
A dramatic	_____	**decline**	_____
A _____	**Drop**	_____	_____

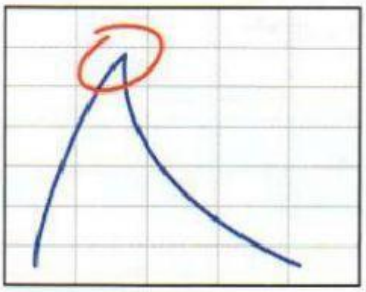
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Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A steady	_____	rise	_____
A _____	increase	_____	_____

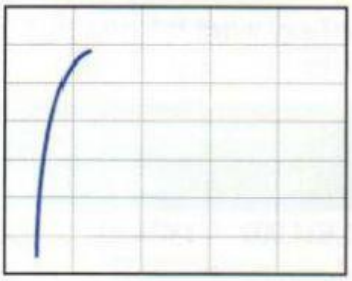


Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A stable	Pattern	Remain	_____
A _____	Pattern	Maintain	_____

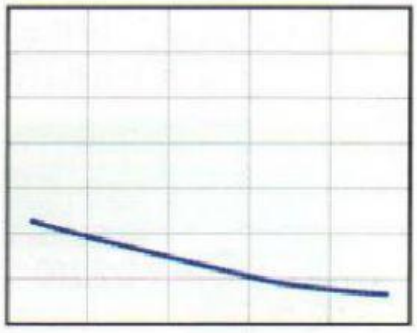


Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A	Peak	_____	A peak

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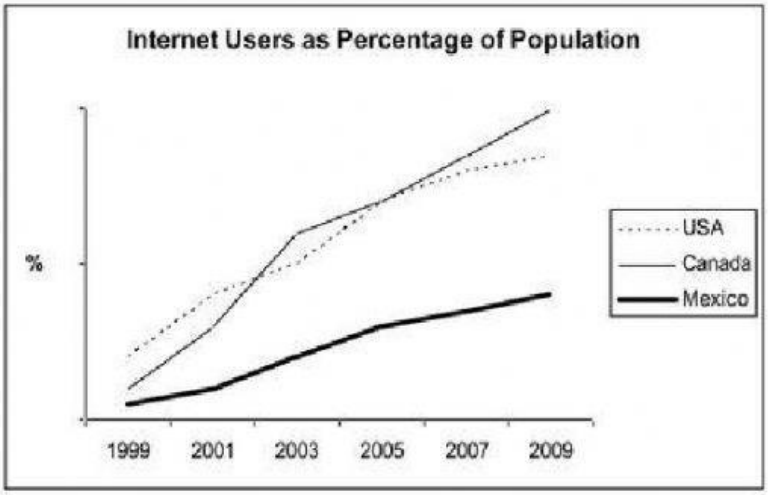
Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A sharp	increase	Increase	_____
A _____	Rise	_____	Dramatically
A significant	_____	_____	_____



Adjective + Noun		Verbs + Adverb	
A gradual	decrease	_____	_____

Exercise 2: Drag the answer to the right position.

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Increased	**growth**	**reached**	**compares**
percentage	**highest**	**experienced**	

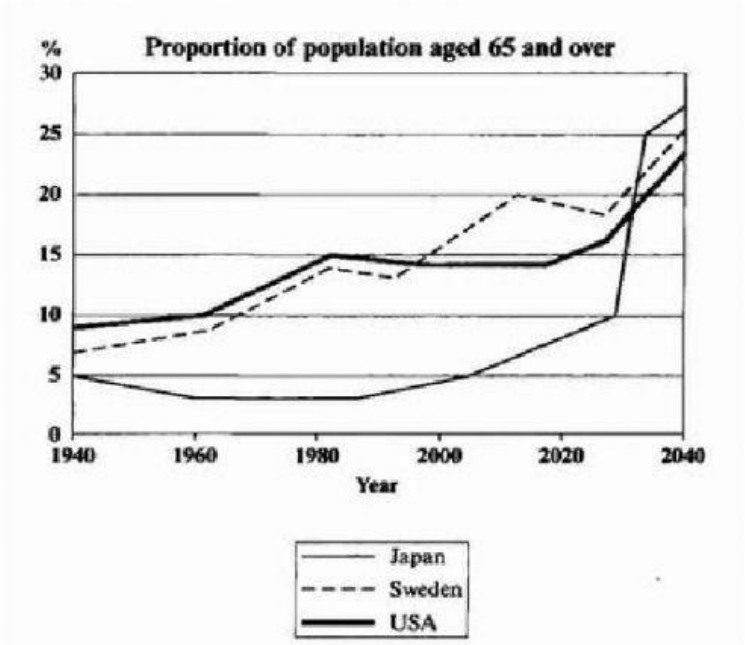
The line graph _____the _____of people in three countries who used the Internet between 1999 and 2009.

It is clear that the proportion of the population who used the Internet _____in each country over the period shown. Overall, a much larger percentage of Canadians and Americans had access to the Internet in comparison with Mexicans, and Canada _____the fastest _____in Internet usage.

In 1999, the proportion of people using the Internet in the USA was about 20%. The figures for Canada and Mexico were lower, at about 10% and 5% respectively. In 2005, Internet usage in both the USA and Canada rose to around 70% of the population, while the figure for Mexico _____just over 25%.

By 2009, the percentage of Internet users was _____in Canada. Almost 100% of Canadians used the Internet, compared to about 80% of Americans and only 40% of Mexicans.

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dramatic	**compares**	**reaching**
Increases	**remained**	**slightly**
sudden	**rose**	

The line graph _____the percentage of people aged 65 or more in three countries over a period of 100 years.

It is clear that the proportion of elderly people _____in each country between 1940 and 2040. Japan is expected to see the most _____changes in its elderly population.

In 1940, around 9% of Americans were aged 65 or over, compared to about 7% of Swedish people and 5% of Japanese people. The proportions of elderly people in the USA and Sweden _____gradually over the next 50 years, _____just under 15% in 1990. By contrast, the figures for Japan _____below 5% until the early 2000s.

Looking into the future, a _____increase in the percentage of elderly people is predicted for Japan, with a jump of over 15% in just 10 years from 2030 to 2040. By 2040, it is thought that around 27% of the Japanese population will be 65 years old or more, while the figures for Sweden and the USA will be_____ lower, at about 25% and 23% respectively.

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