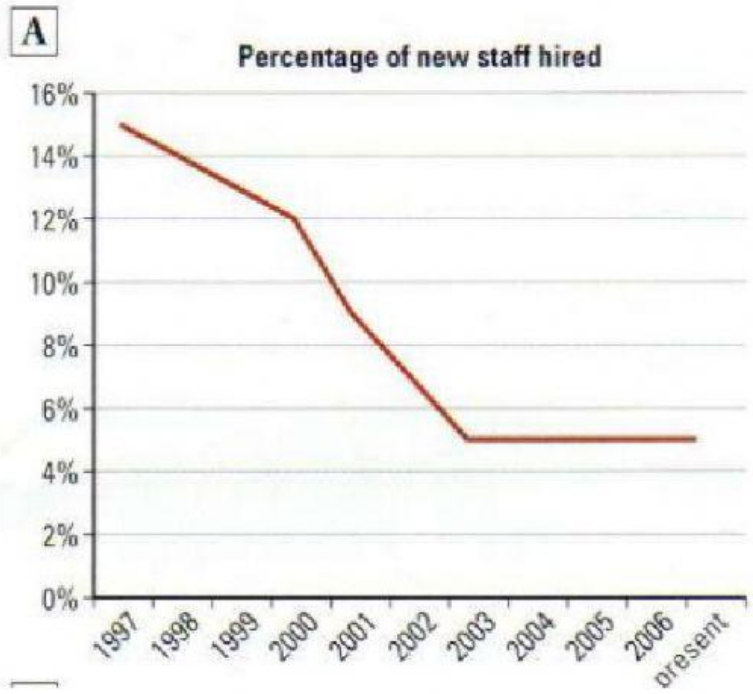
LESSON 1: DESCRIBING TRENDS

I. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

1. INTRODUCTION SENTENCE:

Subject	Verb	Object	Place	Time
The graph *The chart* *The table* *The diagram* *The map* *The process*	*- shows* *- illustrates* *- represents* *- depicts* *- provides information about/on* *- gives information about/on* *Compares*	**Paraphrase the question**	*-in…* *-in three major cities* *-in four different countries* *-in USA and Japan*	*-in…. (year).* *-from……. to ……..* *-between …. and ……..* *-over the period of ..* *years from …. to ….*

2. OVERVIEW AND BODY SENTENCE



a. VERB + ADVERB

- *According to the figures, recruitment* ***fell significantly*** *during this period.*

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b. ADJECTIVE + NOUN

*- According to the figures, there was **a significant decrease** in the recruitment during this period.*

*- According to the figures, the recruitment **experienced/saw** a significant decrease during this period.*

*- According to the figures, the company **experienced/saw** a significant decrease in the recruitment during this period.*

*- According to the figures, a significant decrease **was seen** in the recruitment during this period.*

c. BODY SENTENCE

- Apply the same structures above, but adding the data (%, number)

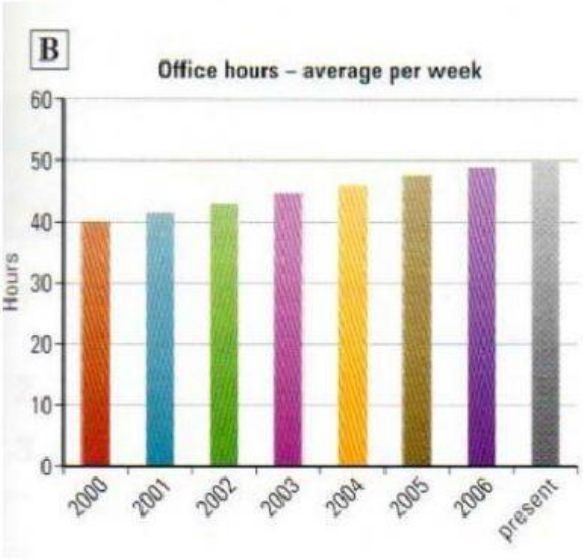
*- Between 1997 and 2000 there was a **gradual drop** **from around 15 to 5 per cent**, **but** after that, the figures **remained stable**.*

*- Between 1997 and 1999 there was only **a slight drop** from around **15 to 12 per cent but** after that, the figures **fell more markedly to** a low of **5 per cent** in 2002, **then** they have **remained stable** until present.*

II. EXERCISE

Exercise 1: FOR EACH GRAPH OR CHART, WRITE 3 SENTENCES:

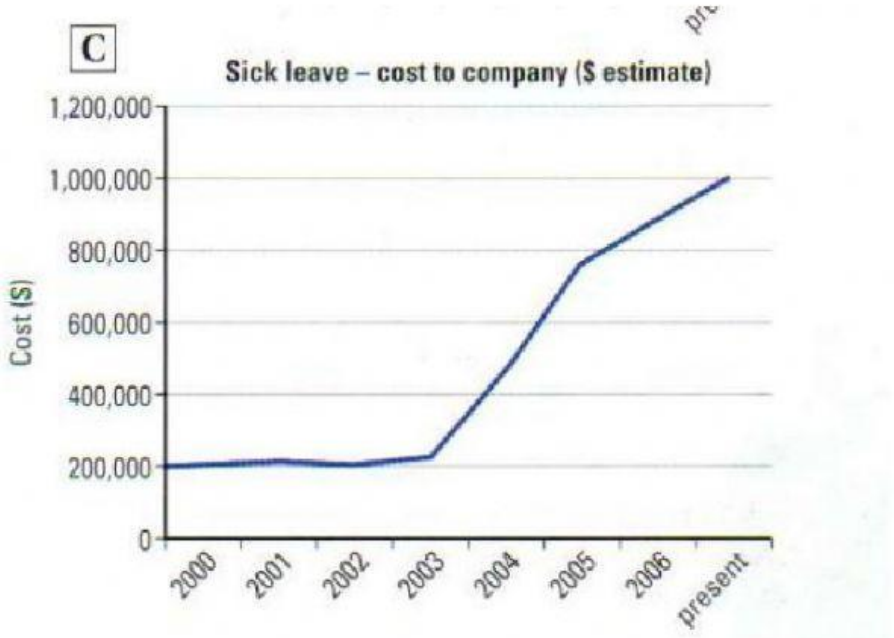
- Sentence 1: Introduction, introducing what graph or chart shows
- Sentence 2: Overview, describing overall trend
- Sentence 3: Sentence in body paragraph, including some specific data



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1.Introduction	
2. Overview	
3. Body (1 sentence)	

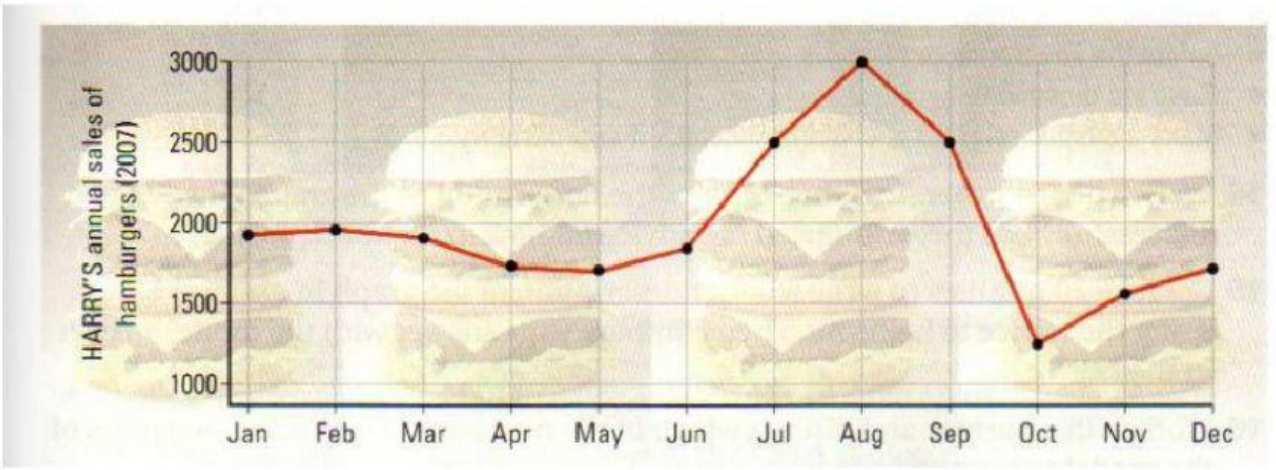
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Exercise 2: Write an overview



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