

## PREPOSITIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF NUMBERS AND DATA

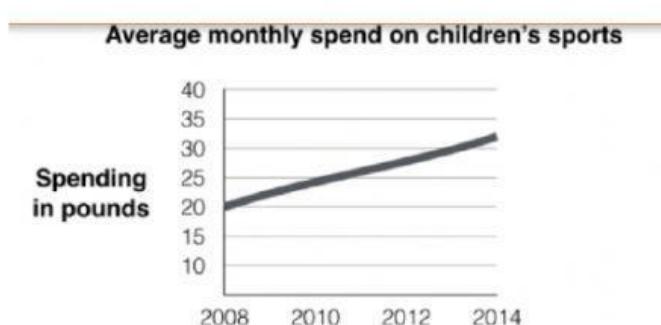
**Task 1.** Decide which preposition from the box should go in the gap and write it in.

with	at	in	by	at
to	between	from	to	of

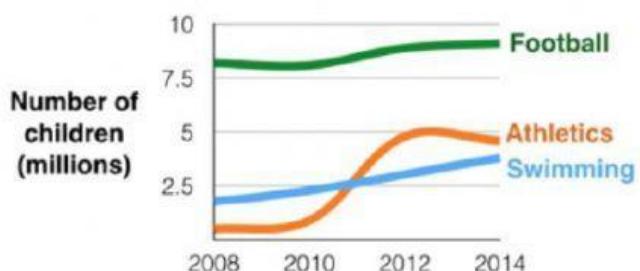
1. In May, the price of gold rose slightly \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,500.
2. Holidays to foreign destinations remained constant \_\_\_\_\_ about 85,000 per month for the last two months of the year.
3. Profits increased \_\_\_\_\_ 4 million dollars to 6 million dollars last year.
4. From 2001 to 2010, the price of electricity has increased \_\_\_\_\_ 125%.
5. Bike sales reached a peak \_\_\_\_\_ 20,000 in September.
6. There is a sharp increase in traffic levels from 8am to 9am, \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 3000 cars traveling on the road.
7. The last decade has seen a steep increase \_\_\_\_\_ the number of people diagnosed with diabetes.
8. At the start of the year, the turnover of the company stood \_\_\_\_\_ £1.3 million.
9. During the summer, student numbers at the school fluctuate \_\_\_\_\_ 150 and 170 per week.
10. Following this, the number then fell \_\_\_\_\_ a low of 20 per month.

**Task 2.** Use these words below (some can be used more than once)

in / at / between – and / from / to / by / during / of



**Participation in three different sports**



The monthly expenditure on children's sports saw a rise \_\_\_\_\_ 20 pounds \_\_\_\_\_ a little over 30 pounds \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

Figures for participation in athletics started \_\_\_\_ around 1 million children \_\_\_\_ 2008. This remained constant until 2010. However, \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 the proportion \_\_\_\_ children taking part in Athletics rose \_\_\_\_ 5 million with a slight dip \_\_\_\_ the end of the period.

The number \_\_\_\_ children taking part in swimming began \_\_\_\_ a little less than 2.5 million \_\_\_\_ 2008 and saw a steady increase ending \_\_\_\_ around 4 million.

The figure for youngsters participating in football stood \_\_\_\_ just over 7.5 million \_\_\_\_ 2008. \_\_\_\_ 2010 \_\_\_\_ 2014 it increased \_\_\_\_ approximately 1 million. All three sports showed increases \_\_\_\_\_ the whole period.