

PARAPHRASE 1: use the verbs below to replace the underlined text. Write complete sentences.

hit a low

remained flat

rose gradually

fluctuated

fell and then levelled off

plummeted

declined steadily

soared

dipped

hit a peak

1. The price of laptops dropped and this was followed by a period of stability.

>> _____

2. Numbers reached a high in the year 2009.

>> _____

3. The amount of money spent fell slightly and then quickly recovered.

>> _____

4. Visitor numbers to the website plunged in the first quarter of the year.

>> _____

5. Book purchases increased steadily over the year.

>> _____

6. The number of students applying to the university stabilised over the decade.

>> _____

7. Attendance at the conference decreased gradually over the last five years.

>> _____

8. The growth rate was erratic during the previous year.

>> _____

9. Member numbers reached their lowest point in March.

>> _____

10. Car sales rocketed over the period.

>> _____

PARAPHRASE 2: Rewrite the following sentences using NOUN instead of underlined VERB phrase.

2. Numbers reached a high in the year 2009.

>> There was a _____ in numbers in the year 2009.

3. The amount of money spent fell slightly and then quickly recovered.

>> There was a _____ followed by a _____ in the amount of money spent.

5. Book purchases increased steadily over the year.

>> There was a _____ in book purchases over the year.

7. Attendance at the conference decreased gradually over the last five years.

>> There was a _____ in attendance at the conference last year.

8. The growth rate was erratic during the previous year.

>> There were some _____ in the growth rate during the previous year.

9. Member numbers reached their lowest point in March.

>> There was a _____ in member numbers in March.

PARAPHRASE 3

a. the trend in the proportion of adults using the websites is upward

>> there was an _____ in the proportion _____ users of _____.

b. saw a 25% increase in the proportion of online adult users

>> enjoyed a _____ in the _____.

c. the proportion of the usage of Instagram jumped more than twofold.

>> the proportion of the users of Instagram increased _____.

d. The graph illustrates

>> the graph *de*_____.

e. remained flat

>> remained _____.

f. A similar pattern was seen

>> A similar pattern was *app*_____.

g. there was a small rise in the proportion of

>> the proportion of *inc*_____.