Graph description (vocabulary and prepositions to describe trends over time)

Choose the odd one

1	rise	grow	decline	
2	go up	recover	fall	
3	around	approximately	sharply	
4	noticeable	marginal	fractional	
5	significantly	slightly	strikingly	
6	substantially	remarkably	slightly	
7	soar	plunge	plummet	
8	surge	plummet	rocket	

Choose the best option to complete the following sentences

1. The number of students ……(increase/increased) …… (slight/slightly) in the period.

2. There was a/an …… (significant/ significantly) …… (rise/rose) …… (to/at) 200 in the number of students …… (in/of) the first 5 years.

3. The number of students witnessed a …… (sharp/ sharply) …… (recover/recovered/recovery) in the last 3 years.

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4. There was ..... (a gradual improvement/ improved gradually) ..... (of/ in/ at) the number of students between 2000 ..... (and/to) 2010.

5. The unemployment rate remained ..... (stable/ stably) ..... (in/at/to) 2.9 during the first 5 months of the given period.

6. The sales ..... significantly to 1.2m dollars in the last quarter of the year. (a drop/ dropped)

7. The percentage of 14-year-old students stayed ..... (constant/ constantly) ..... (in/ at/ to) 55% for the last 3 years.

8. The number of students .....(plummeted/ grew/kept) constant ..... (in/ at/ to) 20% in the following two months.

9. The number of students ..... (witnessed/climbed/ reached) ..... (rise/ rose/ a rise) ..... (at/ of/ in/ for) around 200 in the last three years.

10. The last three years saw a ..... (fluctuate/ fluctuated/ fluctuation) before it increased ..... (substantial/ substantially) .....(for/ by/ at) over the last two years.

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