

**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.

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.