

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.