

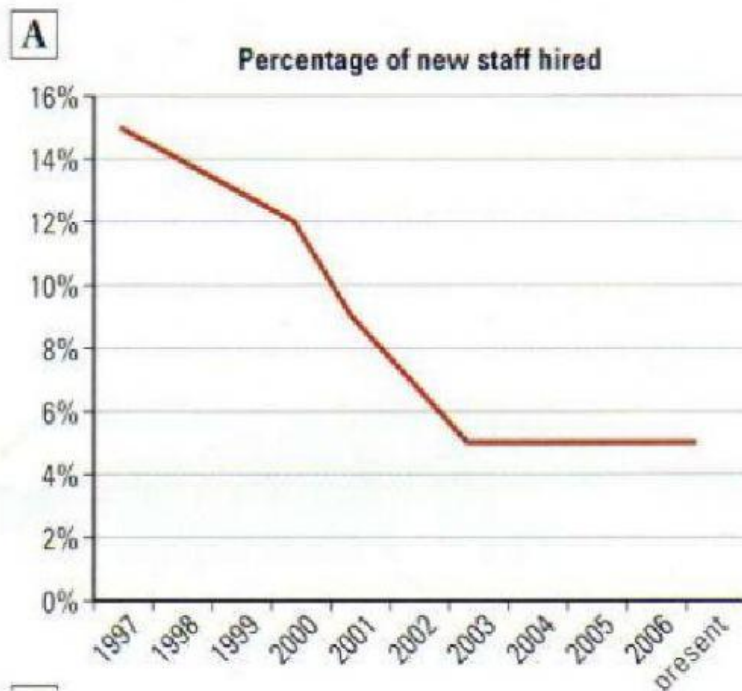
## LESSON 1: DESCRIBING TRENDS

### I. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

#### 1. INTRODUCTION SENTENCE:

| Subject            | Verb                            | Object                         | Place                        | Time   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <i>The graph</i>   | - shows                         | <b>Paraphrase the question</b> | -in...                       | -in.... (year).                                |
| <i>The chart</i>   | - illustrates                   |                                | -in three major cities       | -from..... to .....                            |
| <i>The table</i>   | - represents                    |                                | -in four different countries | -between .... and .....                        |
| <i>The diagram</i> | - depicts                       |                                | -in USA and Japan            | -over the period of .. years from .... to .... |
| <i>The map</i>     | - provides information about/on |                                |                              |  |
| <i>The process</i> | - gives information about/on    |                                |                              |  |
|                    | Compares                        |                                |                              |  |

#### 2. OVERVIEW AND BODY SENTENCE



##### a. VERB + ADVERB

- According to the figures, recruitment **fell significantly** during this period.

**b. ADJECTIVE + NOUN**

- According to the figures, there was **a significant decrease** in the recruitment during this period.
- According to the figures, the recruitment **experienced/saw** a significant decrease during this period.
- According to the figures, the company **experienced/saw** a significant decrease in the recruitment during this period.
- According to the figures, a significant decrease **was seen** in the recruitment during this period.

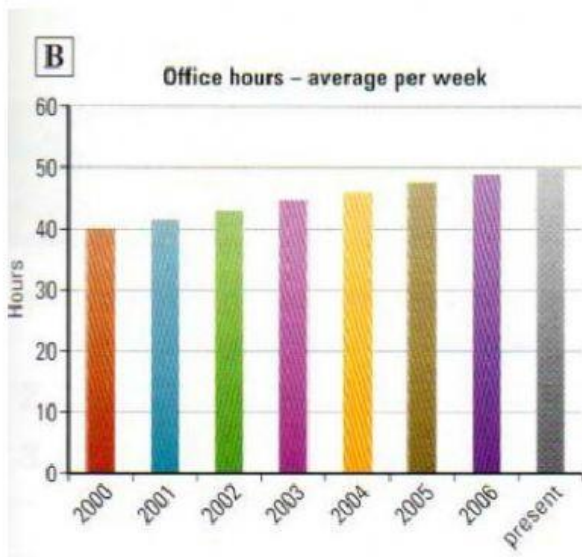
**c. BODY SENTENCE**

- Apply the same structures above, but adding the data ( %, number)
  - Between 1997 and 2000 there was a **gradual drop from around 15 to 5 per cent, but** after that, the figures **remained stable**.
  - Between 1997 and 1999 there was only **a slight drop from around 15 to 12 per cent but** after that, the figures **fell more markedly to a low of 5 per cent in 2002, then** they have **remained stable** until present.

**II. EXERCISE**

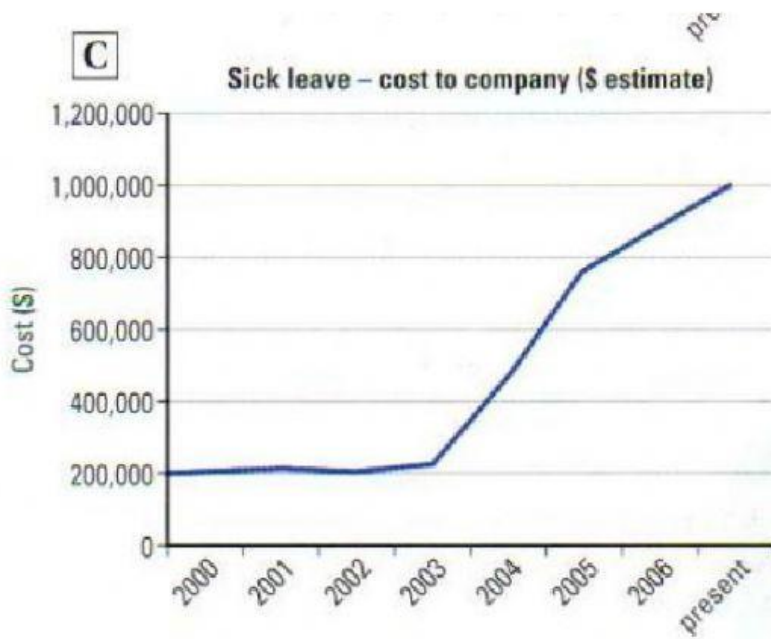
**Exercise 1: FOR EACH GRAPH OR CHART, WRITE 3 SENTENCES:**

- Sentence 1: Introduction, introducing what graph or chart shows
- Sentence 2: Overview, describing overall trend
- Sentence 3: Sentence in body paragraph, including some specific data





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| 1. Introduction       |  |
| 2. Overview           |  |
| 3. Body ( 1 sentence) |  |



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**Exercise 2: Write an overview**

